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A CARD.
The principal of the High School wishes to
express his thanks through the Advertiser to
those who so kindly helped to make the en-
tertainment of February 2nd a success, and to the
people of Norway for their liberal patronage.
The affair of Tuesday evening meant more to
him than the trip to Washington would mean,
if he should be fortunate enough to go, because
it showed him the feeling which exists in Norway
toward him. It was characteristic of the place,
the most enterprising, wide-awake village in
western Maine. The people of the town seem to
think that it not only benefits their principal,
but also that Norway should be represented
in this young center, which is commencing
such close attention all over New England.
The principal of your High School wishes that
he might thank each and every one who has
helped, personally and individually, but as
that is impossible, this means of expressing
his gratitude.
Norway, Maine, Feb. 10, 1897.
A. G. WILEY.

BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business notices inserted
for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line.
Comic Valentines at Stone's.
Geo. Merrill, Joiner. Shop under Ry-
erson Hall. All kinds of job work done.
Saws filed, etc.
Costly Valentines at Stone's.
If you need any brown cotton, look at
what S. B. & Z. S. Prince are selling for
5 and 6 cents.
Valentines for 1 cent at Stone's.
All persons having accounts against
Dr. Geo. W. Hazleton will present them
for settlement before Feb. 15. All ac-
counts unpaid after this date will be left
for collection.
Beautiful Valentines at Stone's.
If you want any kind of valentines, go
to Stone's drug store, Norway.
NORWAY AND VICINITY.
John Kigore has been granted a pen-
sion of \$12 a month from Nov. 9, 1892.
C. B. Cummings & Sons are to furnish
the boxes for the match factory at South
Paris.
Dr. G. W. Hazleton is to move to Man-
chester, N. H., to go into business with
his brother in law.
Mrs. J. A. Blake has been sick six or
nine weeks with sciatic rheumatism and
erysipelas in her foot.
The selectmen say that the warrant
for the annual town meeting will contain
an article about providing work for
tramps.
At the circle at Concert Hall, Tuesday
evening, the affair will be served at 6.30
and be followed by a promenade concert
at 8 o'clock.
F. F. Holmes has built an ice house
and put in a stock of ice for summer
trade. His ice house is near Haggar's
carriage shop.
During his 19 years as tax collector
Colman F. Lord collected more than
\$28,000 for the town. He now lacks
\$82.00 of having his work completed.
Isaac Lord of North Norway claims to
have the oldest sleigh in this vicinity.
Its exact age is uncertain but it is safe
to say it has seen service many years.
The span of black colts owned by
Gorham K. Lord is a pair of beauties.
Wm. Tibbetts drives them about our
streets and they make a fine show-
ing.
B. F. Spinney & Co. have commenced
to manufacture men's shoes in con-
nection with women's shoes. It is a new
venture as they have heretofore made
only women's shoes.
Chas. C. Warren of Fryeburg, is stop-
ping at the Beal's Hotel. Mr. Warren
will be examined for admission to the
Oxford bar at this February term of the
Supreme Judicial Court.
Wm. C. Leavitt has remembered the
Advertiser office with a hyacinth in full
bloom. Mr. Leavitt raises these at his
store and is a success in the business.
He sells the bulbs in the season for
planting.
The lawyers and others, who are stop-
ping in town while attending Court, are
a jolly crowd. They evidently leave all
care and perplexity at the court house.
The stories they tell are remarkable, and
the jokes are well worthy the name.
Musical meetings for February will be
held as follows: Oxford Lodge, No. 18,
Monday evening, the 18th; Union Chap-
ter, No. 26, Wednesday, the 17th; and
Oxford Council, No. 14, Friday, the 19th.
Work is expected in all the bodies.
Alice Chick has been discharged from
the hospital in Boston, where she has
been 11 weeks for an operation on her
eyes. It was very successful, and with
very good sight the rest of her life.
Alice is now in Somerville, Mass.
Fred Crockett and daughter Mabel
went to Portland, Sunday, to visit his
wife who is in the Maine General hos-
pital. She is not gaining as fast as they
would like. She has been confined to
the bed over five months, and is a great
sufferer. They are afraid she will never
be able to walk again, but hope for the
best.
Japanese mandarins resemble small
one gas but taste considerably different.
We can't say that they equal the Cali-
fornia seedless orange yet they are sweet
and spicy. We found some of these
oriental curiosities at C. F. Ridlon's, the
other day. They had come a good way
and got into a cold climate and sold two
for a nickel.
Edward E. Harris has gone to Madison,
where he has a good situation at his
trade. Mr. Harris has been in the hard-
ware store of J. O. Crooker for two
years past, as clerk and mechanic. He
is a young man of good habits and at-
tends to business in good shape. He is
active in the Methodist church and
leaves many friends in town.
Norway Boy, an Inventor.
C. L. Randall, of No. 12 Bond street,
Lynn, Mass., has patented a new
kind of invention by the name of the
novel Indian clubs which he offers for
patent. These clubs are generally in
the shape of a principle from those
now in use and seem to be based on more
scientific principle.
Mr. Randall is a native of Nor-
way, and is only
about 24 years old. His mother still re-
sides here.
He won a silver medal in a recent ex-
hibition of inventions in Washington.
Patents have been applied for in the
United States, and are to be applied for
in Canada and Great Britain. This in-
vention is pronounced by experts to be
worth several thousand dollars. John
Wetherburn & Co., of Washington, D. C.,
handle the patent.
The parties interested have in mind to
locate their factory for the manufactur-
ing of these clubs in the wooded region
of Stoneham or Lovell, should the Ox-
ford Central railroad be built. It is es-
timated that the factory will employ
some 50 hands.

Subscription Rates.
2 months, 25 cents.
3 months, 35 cents.
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At Rest.

Mrs. Mabel F., wife of Dr. B. F. Brad-
bury, passed away, Friday evening, at
about 6 o'clock. She had not been well
all summer but her friends, while they
were somewhat anxious, thought her
illness was not of a serious nature and
with rest and care she would recover.
Since the death of her father, Dr. Geo.
P. Jones, which occurred about a month
ago, she has not been so well. Then
came the sickness and death of her
husband's father, Dr. G. N. Bradbury, who
lived in the same house and family with
her, and whose death occurred just two
weeks before her own, she was still thought
not to be seriously ill till Wednesday,
when she grew suddenly worse and was
unconscious.
She was married to Dr. B. F. Bradbury,
March 22, 1852, and with the exception
of a few months spent in the South, they
have since resided in Norway.
Mrs. Bradbury was much esteemed
and loved by all who knew her, and she
will be greatly missed in social circles
and among her large number of friends
and acquaintances. She was a constant
attendant at the Congregational church
and very active in all things pertaining
to its welfare. She was particularly in-
terested in having good music and sing-
ing. After the new church was built
she with a few others spared no labor
till they were able to raise a fund suffi-
cient to purchase an organ.
Her mother, Mrs. Geo. P. Jones, her
twinsister, Mrs. Geo. W. Holmes, an-
other sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Lasselle, and
brother Harry all reside in our village.
This and the fact that the doctor's pa-
rents resided with them made theirs an
unusually happily situated family and
makes the sad deaths which quick suc-
ceeded each other in such quick suc-
cession more sad if possible.
The funeral was held at their residence
on Main Street, Sunday afternoon at
2 o'clock, and though it rained very hard
the funeral was largely attended. Rev.
P. S. Ridlon acted as officiant by Rev. C. E.
Angell conducted the services.
Very beautiful and peaceful she looked
rested in pure white and surrounded by
masses of flowers that in life she had
loved and in death her sorrowing friends
had placed about her.
The Woman's Relief Corps will give a
fish and clam chowder dinner at New
G. A. R. Hall, Thursday, Feb. 18th.
Anybody wishing to get an article put
in the Advertiser for the annual town meet-
ing should hand it to the Selectmen by
Tuesday next.
Norway town report will probably be
the first one in the hands of the voters,
this year. They have been printed and
the selectmen intend to distribute them,
Saturday.
The Sunday School Association is be-
ing held at the Baptist church, Thurs-
day. There is a session in the forenoon,
afternoon and evening. It is a very in-
teresting and instructive meeting.
The clerks' hall, at Norway Opera
House, Thursday evening. No pains have
been spared by the management to make
this the social event of the season. The
clerks are sure to have an enjoyable
time.
At the regular meeting of the Norway
Library Board it was voted to purchase
some new books and retain Annie E.
Monahan as librarian at a salary of
\$125 and another evening in the week to
herself.
"The Merry Noblemen," a popular op-
era that has been played with great suc-
cess at Lewiston and Portland, will be
given at the Opera House, Monday even-
ing, Feb. 22. Cullahan's Orchestra will
furnish music.
The concert, Tuesday evening, was a
greater success in every way than even
its promoters and well wishers dared to
expect. Norway Opera House was filled
with people and the program by local
talent that we published last week, was
finely rendered. A goodly sum of money
was raised, to help Prof. Wiley's cause
in the Globe voting contest.
Eddie LeBarre's Model Minstrels will
be at the Opera House, next Tuesday
evening. Wednesday night, they were
at Mechanic Falls, where they had a
large audience. We hear that it was
unanimously called one of the best enter-
tainments that has been in town for
years. They carry an excellent band
and superb orchestra. Some of the
greatest jokers in the minstrel field are
with this troupe, also fine singers and
first-class variety performers. Don't
fail to see them. The troupe is now
playing in the eastern part of the county.

SOUTH PARIS.

J. Edward Cole has been sick.
Alice Wheeler's school on Elm Hill
has closed.
A child of Elisha Libby's is sick with
scarlet fever.
Ella Eames of Bethel has been visiting
Mrs. J. H. Bean.
Mrs. V. P. DeCosta visited Mrs. O. V.
Whitman, last week.
Edith Howe of Richmond, P. Q., is visit-
ing at Minot L. White's.
Melvin Moore of the Whittemore dis-
trict is hauling wood to South Paris.
George L. Morse has moved into the
vacant rent in Charles Gove's house.
George R. Morton recently visited his
parents, Dea. and Mrs. Henry F. Morton.
Dora, Seitz of New York was here,
Sunday, to attend the funeral of Mrs.
B. F. Bradbury.
Harry B. Stone of Colorado Springs,
Colo., is visiting his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. E. F. Stone.
The executor of Mrs. Betsey Gray's
estate has paid to the Baptist church,
her bequest of \$50.00.
Doctor Davis has been doing dental
work at Locke's Mills and Bryant's Pond.
He reports a good business.
Principal Herbert L. Whitman of Lim-
ington Academy, is visiting his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Whitman.
Thomas A. Adams and wife are visit-
ing friends in Portland. They will soon
remove to their former home at Gorham,
N. H.
Lillian Wardwell has returned from
the Central Maine General hospital,
where she has been for treatment of the
eyes.
Prentiss Cummings and George R.
Morton of Boston attended the meeting
of the Paris Manufacturing Co., last
week.
Saturday evening, the Paris Hill peo-
ple will present their novel entertain-
ment, "The History of Marriage," in
New Hall.
The February term of Municipal Court
was a dull session. There were twelve
new entries, several old cases disposed
of, and no trials.
The County Commissioners have made
a rule that tobacco and clothing shall
not be furnished to tramps. One Peter
Kane undertook to raise money among
the inmates of the jail, but it didn't
work.
Last Saturday evening, the high school
lyceum discussed capital punishment.
The judges and house disagreed in their
decision, and it is safe to say that the
honors of the debate were pretty evenly
divided.
A portrait of the late George L. Far-
num, esq., has been hung in the law li-
brary. Mr. Farnum was a native of Rum-
ford, and at the time of his death was a
partner in the law firm of Upton &
Farnum, at Norway.
Harlan P. Dennison has sold out his
interest in the Paris Manufacturing Co.
to friends of Henry F. Morton, the su-
perintendent. Mr. Dennison does not know
where he will go, and there is a strong
feeling toward keeping him in the community.
The concert by Callahan's Symphon-
y orchestra of Lewiston, given in New Hall
last evening, was highly appreciated by
the many who attended. Without an
exception this orchestra is in the front
rank of concert organizations. The ar-
tists who contributed to the pleasing pro-
gram were Miss Olive Mae Stuart, solo-
ist, and Mr. Robinson, xylophone soloist,
both of whom received encores.
Last Saturday the ladies of Paris
Grange entertained the gentlemen with
a literary program, after which the sis-
ters served refreshments to all present,
which apparently was quite a surprise to
the brothers. The sisters had been tak-
ing it up for two weeks, and in spite of
all the men's efforts they did not find
out the secret. The Grange meetings
are largely attended, and next Saturday
a contest of attendance will commence.
Come and learn all about it, and be sure
to be in before the doors are closed.

BETHEL.

S. N. Buck was in Buckfield last week
visiting friends.
G. A. Burbank has commenced work
in the chair factory.
Mrs. E. B. Whitney is visiting her
friends in Lancaster, N. H.
Hon. John P. Swasey of Canton was in
town last Friday on business.
The heavy rain of last Sunday was
very unpleasant for the loggers.
Martin Stowell is getting out lumber
to build him a stable, this spring.
Mr. Wilber has moved his family from
West Bethel into D. C. Philbrook's rent
on Elm Street.
H. M. Farwell and his mother visited
Mrs. Farwell's parents in Lovell last Sat-
urday, returning Monday.
The many friends of Vesa Parker were
glad to know that her recent sickness
was not diphtheria but a very bad cold.
Large quantities of dry and green wood
were hauled into the village, last week.
The roads were all lively with wood and
lumber teams.
Hiram A. York, an old and respected
citizen of Bethel, was buried under the
aspens of the Grange, last Sunday
afternoon. Rev. Mr. Barton of the Uni-
versal church officiated.
C. M. Wornell went to Portland, Wed-
nesday.
Dr. Morton is comfortable, but not
able to ride out.
Regular communication of Bethel
Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., this Thurs-
day evening.
Judge Woodbury is getting ready to
go to Bethel, Pa., to edit his son and
family the remainder of the winter.
Milton Penley has killed an old, past
labor horse that William Melvin swapped
and got. Any person notifying Penley
of cruelty cases should sign their name
to the letter.
Dr. Gehring and family expect to oc-
cupy their new house about the first of
March. It is a fine residence, and we
wish the doctor and his good wife much
happiness in its occupation.
An increase of pension from \$6 to \$10
per month has been allowed David L.
Abbott of Rumford Point, this week.
Through the Bethel pension agency of
G. Rich, under the act of June 27, 1890.
The postoffice examiner was in town
Tuesday and Wednesday, and made a
thorough examination of the postoffice.
The officer gave Mr. Wiley a big compli-
ment for the condition in which he
found the postoffice, and said that it
was the best postoffice, all-around con-
sidered, in the state, outside the large
cities.
GROVER HILL.—Mrs. Eliza F. Lyons ap-
pears to be failing.
Bertha Browne is at North Waterford
at the present time.
Minnie G. Maybrey visited her grand-
parents here a short time since.
Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Haines were re-
cent guests at Mrs. A. V. Walker's.
True Browne has been at work for
Geo. Henton, cutting spruce pulpwood.
Mrs. Emma Barker and little boy
Charlie were at A. B. Grover's, one day
last week.
Mrs. Edna Browne of Waterford called
to see her aunt, Mrs. Ella Lyons, one
day last week.
W. M. Browne and Merritt Sawin re-
turned from Sumner with four nice oxen,
one day last week.
Miss L. M. Haselton is contemplating
a trip to Portland to obtain medical
treatment for her eyes, which do not
seem to improve very much.
Mrs. Peter Wheeler was the recent
recipient of a \$26 check with which to
purchase a chamber set. We learn that
her brother-in-law, Mr. Horne of Milan,
N. H., was the generous donor.

WEST PARIS.

Mrs. Gertie Stewart is at home.
Nellie Bicknell is working at Mr.
Sloan's.
Gertie Shaw, of South Paris, is visit-
ing at G. H. Briggs'.
Charlie Brown returned to his school
at Norway, Tuesday morning.
B. B. Denning is out again, after being
confined to the house about a week.
A number from here attended Pomona
Grange at Bryant's Pond last week,
Tuesday.
A party of young folks from here at-
tended the lyceum at South Paris Sat-
urday evening.
There was a good crowd at the assem-
bly last Friday night. The next one will
be Friday night of this week.
Rev. Henry R. Rose of Auburn will
give a lecture in the church on Monday
evening, Feb. 15. Subject, "Home Life,
or How to be Happy."
Mr. Hackett, the night operator, who
has just got his family moved here, is to
be to West Milan, where he will have a
position as station agent.
Contest dinner at Grange hall next
Saturday. Music and literary exercises
in the afternoon. All on the defeated
side are expected to do their best to have
a good dinner.
HALE.
The children and many older ones are
taking a great interest in the lyceums at
the Poplar Hill schoolhouse.
A new enterprise has started at Mason
Brook mill here, the manufacturing of
pipes. The bowls, they are turning out
by the barrels full.
The good people on Swift river never
had a better time to gather their ice
than in January. The rise in the river
broke up the ice and washed it up on
banks of the river in large cakes
15 inches thick and as large as a quail,
where all could help themselves.
Sewell Goff in the winter of 1878 and
1879 hauled one hundred tons of supplies
up Swift river, near where the R. F. &
L. R. R. now runs to Bemis, for James
Wood of Lewiston. Mr. Goff hauled the
first load of supplies to Bemis on wheels,
the first that was ever hauled there on
wheels over Brimstone mountain, in the
month of December, 1878. The ice went
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Neglected Children.

A Story from Life.

This, with some changes of name, is a true account of some experience of Mr. Ben Adam, when he lived in the town of Opulence, state of Fidelity. At a social meeting of some good people held early in the winter, a man who had been out shooting rabbits reported that he had seen the tracks of some children, bare-footed in the snow. All present were much surprised that children should be without shoes in the winter season. All told that something should be done. Ben Adam knew the children.

He lived at what had been a pest hospital on Poverty Bank, by the railway over which the children walked to the village school whenever they were able to go. Once some ladies went to the house to see what could be done for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Nobody, the parents of the children, who were bare-footed. The ladies reported that the place was so filthy that nothing could be done. If clothing was given them it was said to be worn until it was so dirty that it could be worn no longer, and then burned, thus saving the labor of washing, but leaving the children destitute.

Ben Adam wrote to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to see what they would advise. He was informed that the children should be arrested as neglected children and be committed to the court, which would give direction for their proper care. Here was an idea. It was true that the children were not the ones to be blamed, but this was the legal course of procedure. So Ben Adam went before the judge and made complaint in due form against the three children for being neglected children.

A warrant for their arrest was duly issued and placed in the hands of the deputy sheriff, who went down to the rabbit burrow and arrested two boys and one girl. A baby two years old, leave her mother was left. The three were brought into court. The trial proceeded. The evidence was clear and the children were convicted. The judge ordered that they should be given to the care of the Overseers of the Poor.

Mr. Nobody was a man that worked, when sober, on the sawmill. His employer paid the wages to Mrs. Nobody, as the better person of the two to have care of the family funds. These were smaller from the fact that Mr. Nobody did not go to work, Monday morning. This day was needed to sober off after the Sunday drinking, a part of the wages being spent for liquors. When Mrs. Nobody did not allow sufficient for this purpose, Mr. Nobody was said to have taken a piece of pork that had been bought for the family and exchanged this for drinks. Such was the financial provision for the family.

The overseers of the poor met to see what should be done with the children.

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A Church in the Wilderness.

This was the subject of a paper read by C. E. Waterman at the meeting of the Maine Historical Society recently held in Portland.

October 1st, 1891, occurred the centennial anniversary of the First Baptist church of Paris, Maine. The town was one of the first in the interior of the State to be settled. Capt. Joshua Fuller received the town grant February 11, 1773, and provisions for the establishment of a church were a part of the grant. Within seven years it was reported that 60 families were settled in the township, a house of public worship built, and a learned Protestant minister settled. The settlement was at first simply a camp in the wilderness, and it was not until two years after the first tree was felled that a home was formed by the arrival of the first woman.

A majority of the early settlers were Baptists, and 12 years after the settlement, Nov. 18, 1791, a church of that denomination was formed, consisting of 20 members. Paris was then called Number 4, and Levi, Isaac, Jemima, and Sardinia Jackson, John and Patience Willis, Japheth Washburn, were dismissed from the Third Baptist church of Middleboro, Mass., to this church. Prior to this time Paris was the scene of much contention between the Baptists and Congregationalists.

Rev. Paul Coffin, D. D., of Buxton, a Congregational clergyman and a graduate of Harvard college, visited the town in the interest of the Congregationalists. He speaks of the congregation that he preached to as composed of some 300 well-beloved, well-dressed people.

Through the efforts of Elder Elisha Snow the first minister, Elder James Hooper was chosen April 6, 1795. He was born in Berwick. He was ordained June 25, 1796, in the barn of the first settler, Lemuel Jackson. His brother, William Hooper, preached the ordination sermon. He received four lots of land, and he gave back to the town, and two he kept for farm, working 10 years to clear them up. He retired from the ministry in 1829, although he continued to serve the church seven years.

He was a man of great ability. It is said that during his pastorate the Unitarianists first came into that section. Some of the people wished to hear the new religion and asked the pastor whether it would be proper to allow the expounder of the use of the Baptist pulpit.

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The boy thought he was gone amid a profound silence from the loafers. He was lighter hearted now, and the world seemed natural again. One human being had been kind to him. He had a profound feeling of gratitude, and stopped short to look back and wonder how he could ever repay her. He felt as if he must thank her in more than the formal words he had used in the store.



and as he sat eating, and a more and more cheerful feeling about life came over him, he remembered that there was a barn back of the tavern, whose side door he had seen standing invitingly open, revealing a row of old hay bays. He would go and sleep on the hay. An hour later he was fast asleep in the barn.

CHAPTER IX.

HE MAKES JOE HIGGINS GIVE HIM A JOB. His waking on the morning was very different from the first waking in Ashton. The birds were singing just as loudly and noisily, but Alec did not seem to hear them. The gray morning light streamed through the cracks of the barn, and the cows and horses could be heard munching their hay or now and then bringing their feet down heavily to shake off some insect intruder.

Alec lay half buried in the hay, looking up into the dark, dusty, cobwebbed roof, trying to put the dull, lonely ache out of his head long enough to think what he must do, could do. The town was against him, now that he had tried and failed. He knew that clearly from the atmosphere into which he had stepped at the store the previous evening. Mr. Higgins seemed at first to be his friend, but he, too, had grown cold and crafty. "Lisbeth seemed kind, but she was only a girl. What could a girl do?"

He would have set out on his northward tramp immediately, but there seemed now no more before him than there was behind. His skill at mowing he did not wish to put to the test again, and besides this morning he felt so stiff and his back and limbs ached so persistently that it seemed as if he could not even climb down from his bed on the hay. He was hungry, too, for he had no dinner and crackers and jam for supper were small food for a healthy, active young man. Never before in all his life had he faced a prospect so utterly dreary and barren.

He brushed off the hay from his clothes, washed at the pump, and combed his hair with his pocket comb, using the horse trough for a mirror. Then fearfully he crept around to the front door of the store. It stood wide open and showed a long strip of floor that had just been swept clean. But no sound came from within. No doubt the proprietor and his family were at breakfast.

Alec tiptoed into the vacant store and sat down on the old bench. There on one side were cans of fruit, meat and other groceries piled on the shelves one above the other, and packages of starch, oatmeal, washed powder, bars of soap, boxes of figs, and what not it would be hard to say. In a fly specked glass case on the counter was a variety of brightly colored candies, and at one end some tobacco and a few cigars. Beneath the counter were kegs of various kinds of nails, horseshoes piled on the floor or hung on a long rack, and small farming implements. At the end nearest the door were rakes, scythes and shovels of various kinds for various uses. There were shovels, perhaps half filled with rough boots. And in the middle of the floor, which was not too clean in spite of the center being freshly swept, were barrels of crackers, sugar, salt, flour and meal. And then behind him were shelves piled high with calicoes, thread, jeans, jackets and overalls, brightly colored suspenders, handkerchiefs, and a variety of small articles for ladies' use. In the rear of the store were barrels of molasses, vinegar, kerosene and lard, all lying on their sides in rows black with filth and smoke. There were also barrels upright in which might be oats, corn and cottonseed meal; perhaps also barrels of salt pork and corned beef, and small barrels for fish and a can of oysters.

A sudden hopeful thought came to Alec as he looked from one to another of these articles. Mr. Higgins was alone, with only "Lisbeth" to help him. He was stiff and rheumatic, and "Lisbeth" evidently had more than she could do in caring for the tavern and in housekeeping. Why should not Alec become a clerk in the store? He would offer himself, proposing to work for board and lodging until Mr. Higgins thought him worth more.

Hardly had he decided to do this, with a sort of rush of hope and expectation, when Mr. Higgins lumbered in, but as soon as he saw Alec he stopped short, and Alec quickly rose and turned to face him.

"Well, sonny, what can I do for you?" asked the old fellow in rather a kindly tone than he had spoken in the day before.

"I wanted to see if you would let me help you in the store here for my board. You seem to need somebody, and I could make myself useful. I haven't any money, and I am unable to get farm work, and I would do anything to earn my living until I could have a chance to look around a trifle. You seem to have nobody here but your daughter, and you have more than you can do yourself. I am young and spry, and I could learn quickly, if you would let me, I am sure. If you would just give me a trial for a few days, you could tell by that time what I am able to do."

Alec spoke earnestly and eagerly as he went on and advanced nearer and nearer the counter, till he fairly leaned over it, and Mr. Higgins shrank back against the shelves with his hands in his pockets, for a moment taken aback by the fierce onset.

But as soon as Alec paused he recovered himself. He looked at the boy sharply for a moment and seemed satisfied.

"You ain't no city chap up here for a lark, he you?" he asked suddenly.

"No," replied Alec simply, but in a way that apparently satisfied Mr. Higgins.

Then the man looked slowly about the store, and at last remarked, as if it were the conclusion of his thought:

"Mebbe I do need somebody to help me. I'm getting sort of old and rheumatic. I ain't as spry as I once was. And your vittuals wouldn't put me out of pocket so very much, a-seeing 'we've got to cook anyway and I get things at wholesale."

Then with a merry twinkle he looked at Alec sharply and said:

"Ef you're going to work for your board, I s'pose you want to begin with breakfast. Well, ef you step inside there, I can calculate 'Lisbeth will sort of fix you up."

Then he lumbered off toward the postoffice department, which was at the end of the counter nearest the door. Alec watched him a moment, and then timidly made his way into the dining room.

"Lisbeth was sitting alone at the end of the table finishing her breakfast, for she had been waiting on the others.

"Good morning," said Alec tentatively.

She nodded a welcome, with a smile.

"I'm going to work for your father for my board, and he said you would give me some breakfast," he went on after a moment's pause for her to speak, of which she did not take advantage.

"Lisbeth immediately rose from her place, and motioning him to another said:

"If you'll sit down, I'll get you some breakfast right off." With which she hurried into the kitchen.

CHAPTER X.

HE SELLS A SPOOL OF THREAD AND MAKES FRIENDS WITH THE CHILDREN. After his breakfast was finished Alec went into the store and began to look about in the light of his position as clerk, and dimly realized that he knew not where to find any particular thing whatever, nor what price to set upon it when he did find it. As soon as he came in Joe Higgins immediately lumbered off, leaving him to mind the store.

At first he occupied himself in looking slyly into tempting cubby holes and corners, and gingerly picking up one thing and another, speculating oftentimes upon its possible use.

But he soon abandoned this prying of curiosity, and stood silently behind the counter waiting for his customer. About 8 o'clock he arrived, a small boy of 6, who came into the store in such a way that he seemed to have tumbled into the middle of the floor without Alec knowing exactly how. On reflection Alec concluded that he must have stumbled over the doorstep. But when he had recovered himself, the little fellow stood staring stupidly at Alec, as much as to say, "How in the world did you come here?" Then suddenly he beat a hasty retreat, and a moment later a dozen little faces might have been seen at the door peering curiously in to see the strange white fellow behind the counter whom everybody had heard of the day before. Fifteen minutes later a woman appeared at the door. She was the mother of the little boy. He had gone home and told her that the white city fellow was standing behind the counter at the store, and Joe Higgins was nowhere to be seen. So the woman, after scolding her son for not getting the spool of thread she had sent him for, went herself to see what it all meant.

Watching at the word spool, for he did not know what "Burt's 36" meant.

"Burt's 36," she replied glumly, and Alec went to a little case of small drawers which seemed to contain thread. After searching for some time in several of them he found a spool of thread with 36 on it, but it was black, and the woman said it was of a no count cheap make, anyway, that Joe Higgins kept just to make money off of; she wanted "Burt's."

At last he found what was wanted, but he didn't know what the price was and spent some time looking over the spool for a mark. The children saw what he was searching for, and when he turned to the woman and asked lightly if she knew the price of it the children cried out in chorus, "Five cents," for they had been taking to tell him.

He handed the spool to the woman and took the 5 cents she held in her hand. But as she didn't move he stood politely waiting for her. At last she held the spool out to him, saying:

"I s'pose you're not too busy to wrap this up, are you?"

The children tittered, Alec blushed, and the woman walked away.

At 9 the stage driver came lumbering up to the door and threw out the mail-bag for the mail to be changed. Mr. Higgins immediately came lumbering into the store and started directly for his place behind the little barrier of glass covered boxes, crying out to Alec as if he had always done it:

"Come, hustle that mailbag in here. We ain't got over five hours to change that mail—in fact, we ain't got five minutes if Michael catches the 10:30 train."

Alec brought the mailbag and held it open while the postmaster clumsily and slowly unfastened and fastened again the packets of mail and then tossed them into the open bag. At the last moment "Lisbeth came hurrying in, and with a few deft movements put everything to rights, locked the mailbag and herself handed it over the counter to the waiting Michael, who caught it, threw it on to the stage and in a moment was driving madly away to catch the train.

By this time half a dozen men were standing about the store, many of whom were among the loafers of the evening before. They stared at Alec, and Alec lowered his eyes, for he knew what they were thinking about, and he was thinking of the same thing. Mr. Higgins was supremely unconscious of everything and seemed indeed to have forgotten that he had put jests at Alec the night before. Alec felt his power. He was backed up now, and Joe Higgins for his own selfish interests must take his cue.

It could not be otherwise. So, in a moment, he glanced, smiling, at the men, and without a word or even look of disparagement they walked out of the store.

During the forenoon there were few visitors at the store, except curious children who looked in to stare at the new clerk. But Alec did not mind them, and soon after the mail was fairly off "Lisbeth came in where Alec had been left alone and hastily showed him where to find the principal articles and what were the prices of each. He had a ready memory and a quick sense of locality and form, and in two hours had digested an enormous amount of statistical information. Had it not been for "Lisbeth's" kindly thoughtfulness in giving him this lesson, he wondered what in the world he should have done, for Mr. Higgins seemed to assume that he knew it all to start with, or that telling him things was a nuisance, not to be gone into except when a customer was in actual need.

After tea Higgins liked to go in to the store, and stretching himself at full length upon the unoccupied portion of the counter, he talking to the men who chanced to drop in after their day's work. So Alec sat down in the little sitting room just back of the tavern parlor, and while "Lisbeth and Mrs. Higgins cleared away the dishes and washed them he entertained the children. They were shy of him at first, but they had a great respect for his personality. When he went into the sitting room, at "Lisbeth's suggestion, to read the morning paper, the children all followed him with a certain dignified reserve, and taking their places on upright chairs pretended to be reading, too, though they were constantly casting inquiring glances at Alec.

There were three of them—James, who was 14 and quite a lad and took care of the garden for his mother when not in school; Bessie, who was 10, a romping, affectionate child, and Baby Flo, who was 6 years old. She dearly loved to lounge on somebody's knee. For five minutes she retained her reserved position in the upright chair, reading a book which she held upside down. But at the end of that time she grew weary of this and sitting shyly up to Alec rested her chubby head on his crossed knees. He said nothing, nor did he even look at her, but he put his arm about her as he went on reading, and thus encouraged she was soon riding on his foot. When Bessie saw what a good time Flo was having, she came and wanted to be taken up in Alec's lap, and Jim stood a little way off, prepared to make some wise remarks on gardening. So Alec was soon obliged to abandon his paper and give his strict attention to the children.

A little later "Lisbeth came in and sitting down not far from Alec began talking with him in a friendly way about how he liked the country, and where he had lived and what he was planning to do. The unpleasantness of his entry into the village was apparently quite forgotten. He seemed suddenly to have found a home and affection, even if of a humble kind, and for the first time since he had left the city he felt content. The worry and the work and doubtful struggle had wearied him out, but now he was getting a genuine rest. He had a little vantage ground on which he could stand for a time and reconnoiter the enemy—that most malignant of enemies, fate.

But soon Alec found that he was plunged immediately into another drama than his own, in the thought of which he quite forgot the time of his own troubles. There was a sound of stamping feet in the passage, a hurried

rap at the little door, and a somewhat stooped but fine looking man of 30 or more made his entrance. When he saw Alec, he hesitated and seemed disconcerted, but recognizing him in a moment to the young man who had come into the store he gave a quick glance at "Lisbeth, who immediately introduced him to Alec as George Marston, the blacksmith. He had a clear, open face, blue eyes, and a patient, not altogether happy expression. He had evidently come to see "Lisbeth, but he talked pleasantly and kindly to Alec instead. He was educated and well read, and had very interesting and common sense notions about most subjects of human thought and endeavor.

From time to time he gave hungry glances at "Lisbeth, and she sat upright in her chair and scarcely gave him a casual look. In two hours he took his leave, and Alec felt to thinking of him. This was no doubt "Lisbeth's lover. But clearly she gave him no encouragement, not because she did not like him but because for some reason she judged it not wise. Perhaps she felt too much the responsibility of her father's family. Alec looked at her and pitied her. She noticed his pitying glance, and turned her head quickly away as if to hide some tear, but in a moment he was gone to bed, and afterward "Lisbeth gave no sign of having guessed his knowledge of her heart.

CHAPTER XI.

HE GOES TO CHURCH. When Alec awoke the next morning and found the sun shining warmly in at his window and realized that it must be near 8 o'clock, though he had not yet been called, he remembered that it was Sunday. There came a rap at his door and he heard Jim's voice, and a moment later Jim entered, carrying on one arm what seemed like a pile of fresh linen.

"Lisbeth sent these up to you, if you'd be kind enough to accept them," said Jim awkwardly, standing on one foot and trying with might and main to deliver correctly the polite message "Lisbeth had sent. "She thought 'raps your Sunday clothes hadn't come yet, and she asked father to send these up to you, if you'd like to wear them to meeting."

"Tell your sister she's a regular trump. It was awfully good of her, awfully good. Tell her she's the queen of hearts, or whatever you think she'd like," he ended, suddenly wondering if cards were approved in this New England family.

It did not take him long to put on his new clothes. They made him laugh at himself in spite of all good intentions. But that did not matter. The clothes answered very well, and he hurried down to the dining room to find the family all at the table. On seeing him "Lisbeth blushed and Mr. Higgins roared out a great haw-haw of compliment and fun, and the children and Mrs. Higgins admired and complimented, till Alec blushed decidedly more than "Lisbeth. He expressed his thanks as well as he could to Mr. Higgins and "Lisbeth.

At 10 o'clock Alec saw the old sexton with his shiny head come across from his house, and opening the church with a big key, proceed to ring the bell. It was not just the kind of bell ringing he was used to in the city, but it was done with a method just the same. The rope hung down into the vestibule of the church, and Alec could see the old sexton tugging away at it directly in front of the open door. He gave a great pull, and then seemed nearly carried off his feet on the return. The sweat poured down his face, and Alec thought with a laugh that his collar must be pretty well soiled. But on looking again he saw the old sexton's collar and necktie on the door beside him, a somewhat incongruous picture for a church door on Sunday morning.

Soon the people began to come. First a hulking young man, uncomfortable in his stiff Sunday suit, his white collar rapidly melting, slouched up apologetically and stood waiting on the cor-

WEST PARIS. W. G. Morton of Bryant's Pond, has leased the large commodious store at West Paris, occupied a few years ago by Curtis & Andrews, and better known as the S. B. Locke store. Carpenters are at work, changing over and arranging the store for the convenience of Mr. Morton's stock of goods, which will consist of crockery and glassware, furnishing goods, furniture carpets, etc.

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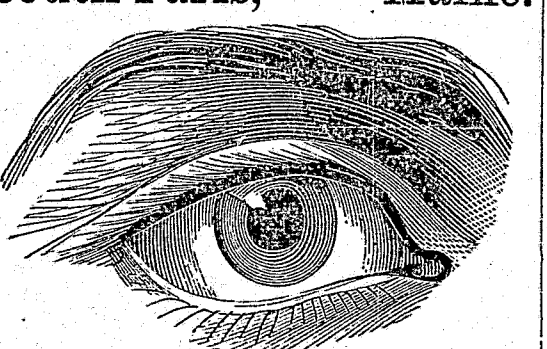
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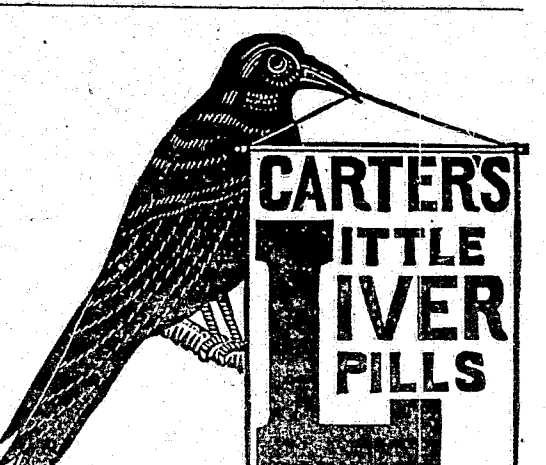
RULES AND REGULATIONS. Fishing for, catching, taking or killing in any way, any kind of fish at any time, in any of the brooks or streams that are tributary to Lake Umbagog in Norway, Oxford County, is hereby absolutely prohibited for a term of four years from February 1st, A. D. 1897. Dated this twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1897. LEROY T. CARLETON, Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game. CHAS. E. OAK.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT. STATE OF MAINE. Norway Municipal Court, February Term, 1897. Gust Anderson of Berlin in the County of Coos and state of New Hampshire, plaintiff, vs. Chas. A. Plummer of Woodstock and James S. Slattery of Sumner in said County of Oxford, defendants, and Eugene F. Smith of Norway in said County of Oxford, trustee. And it now appearing to the Court that the defendants in the above action are beyond the limits of this state, and that they have no tenant, agent, or attorney therein, whereby no notice can be served on them of the pendency of said action. It is ORDERED, That notice of the pendency of said suit be given said defendants by publishing an attested copy of this order and abstract of the writ two weeks successively in the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, newspaper published at Norway in said County, the first publication to be on or before the first Tuesday of March, 1897, for said defendants, then appear at said Court and show cause, if any they have, why judgment should not be rendered against them. HERRICK C. DAVIS, Judge.

Abstract of Plaintiff's writ: Date of writ, Sept. 3, 1896. Bond, \$100.00. Declaration, account annexed for \$42.72. On this money counts for \$39.89. A true copy of order of Court, with abstract of writ. Attest: KIMBALL & SON, Plaintiff's atty's.

Waiting on the corner of the great stone steps. The great stone steps before the church, fall in the broiling sun. He stood there for nearly half an hour, and Alec wondered. Girls in pairs came, rather light and dainty in their muslin frocks, and disappeared into the cool church out of the heat. Perhaps it was their presence within that kept the young man without. Or he may have had an interest in the farmer wagons that drove up, each with a whole family on board. The agile but rather dowdily dressed girl, tripped lightly out on one side, while her old father, with a long beard under his chin, alighted on the church steps on the other side, and proceeded first to lift out the little ones, and then from the back seat his substantial, matronly wife. For a moment the family made a picturesque group on the church steps as they consulted together. Then the man went with the horse and wagon to the sheds in the rear, and the women and children entered the church.

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ASSETS, Dec. 31, 1896. Real estate owned by the Company, \$459,575 00. Loans on bonds and mortgage (first liens), \$375,590 00. Stocks and bonds owned by the Company, market value, \$6,049,267 00. Loans secured by collateral, \$6,049,267 00. Cash in the company's principal office and in banks and cash items, 991,914 44. Rents and accrued interest, 26,027 46. Premiums in due course of collection, 1,031,613 65.

Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Company at their actual value, \$10,004,697 55. LIABILITIES, Dec. 31, 1896. Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$824,648 56. Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, \$4,894,408 94. All other demands against the Company, viz.: commissions, etc., 71,250 00.

Total amount of Liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$5,790,307 50. Capital actually paid in cash, \$2,500,000 00. Surplus beyond capital, \$2,504,382 15.

Aggregate amount of Liabilities, including net surplus, \$8,294,689 65. FREELAND HOWE, Agent, Norway, Maine.

ORIENT INSURANCE COMPANY, of Hartford, Conn. Incorporated 1867. Commenced business 1872. Chas. B. Whiting, Pres., James U. Taintor, Sec. Capital paid up in cash, \$500,000.

ASSETS, December 31, 1896. Real estate owned by Company, unincumbered, \$8,455 29. Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$28,119 66. Stocks and bonds owned by company, market value, \$1,806,970 43. Loans secured by collateral, 1,750 00. Cash in company's principal office and bank, 129,081 01. Interest due and accrued, 14,389 42. Premiums in due course of collection, 260,074 44. Aggregate of all admitted assets of company at their actual value, \$2,773,730 25.

LIABILITIES, December 31, 1896. Net amt. unpaid losses and claims, \$1,250 87. Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, 984,025 18. All other demands against company, viz.: commissions, etc., 63,259 33. Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$1,116,565 38. Capital actually paid up in cash, \$5,000 00. Surplus beyond capital, \$2,658 15. Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$2,773,730 25. Agents in Oxford County: Wm. J. Wheeler, So. Paris; W. R. Tarbox, Fryeburg.

TRADERS AND MECHANICS INSURANCE COMPANY, of Lowell, Mass. Incorporated 1848. Commenced business 1858. LEVI SPRAGUE, President. EDWARD H. TUCKER, Secretary.

ASSETS, December 31, 1896. Loans on bond and mortgage (first liens), \$166,789 00. Stocks and bonds, market value, 375,161 00. Loans secured by collateral and personal loans, 99,146 69. Cash in office and in banks, 29,695 69. Interest due and accrued, 5,558 85. Premiums in due course of collection, 7,117 17.

Aggregate assets at actual value, \$672,466 68. LIABILITIES, December 31, 1896. Amount required to safely re-insure all outstanding risks, \$333,69 03. All other demands: commissions, etc., 5,241 47.

Total amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$338,590 69. Surplus, \$333,876 08. AGENTS: C. H. PRINCE, Buckfield; A. F. LEWIS, Fryeburg.

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Coming Events.

Feb. 11—Sunday-School Association, Baptist Church, Norway.
Feb. 11—Vet. B. Hall, Norway.
Feb. 12—Railroad town-meeting, Norway, 2 p.m.
Feb. 16—Eddie LeBarre's Model Mills, Norway.
Feb. 17—O. Noyes Company, No. 12, Drill and Ball, Opera House, Norway.
Feb. 22—Oxford County Medical Association, Mechanic Falls.

New Advertisements.

Norway Laundry.
Resolutions and Cards.
Carpentering—Geo. Merrill.
Sap Buckets—Wm. C. Leavitt.
Horses—Jonas Edwards, Auburn.
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INSURANCE STATEMENTS:
Globe Fire Ins. Co.
German Am. Ins. Co.
N. Y. Plate Glass Ins. Co.
Quincy Mutual Fire Ins. Co.

A pension has been granted to Henry Clink of Rumford Falls.

The trustees of the Oxford County Agricultural Society will meet at the secretary's office at the Fair Grounds to revise the premium list and to pass on other matters, Saturday, Feb. 20th.

Charles O. Baker died at Portland, Tuesday, of pneumonia. In the forties, he drove a stage from Portland to Paris and Conway. He was the oldest official on the Maine Central Railroad, and is said to have worked for the road since the first rail was laid. His age was 76 years.

The afternoon down express on the Grand Trunk was badly smashed at New Gloucester, Monday afternoon. The train was running through the yard when the fire on one of the driving wheels let go and all of the wheels followed. One of the sidepods also flew and demolished the cab. Engineer Hazeltine and fireman Baker had a miraculous escape, not being hurt at all. The engine was badly demoralized and another had to be sent out to bring the train in.

Ex-Gov. John D. Long of Massachusetts, who is an honored son of Buckfield, has accepted the position of secretary of the navy in McKinley's cabinet.

Gov. Long was born in Buckfield, in 1830. He graduated at Harvard in 1857, was admitted to the bar and first practiced law in 1861, but soon went to Boston, was elected to the Legislature and was Speaker of the House of Representatives in 1875, 1876, 1877 and 1878; Lieutenant-Governor in 1879 Governor in 1880-1882; was member of the Forty-eighth, Forty-ninth and Fiftieth Congresses, is engaged in the active practice of law in partnership with Alfred Hemmerynck. He translated and published "the Aeneid," a literary undertaking that gives Governor Long quite as much prestige in cultured Boston as his distinguished political services. On many occasions Governor Long has been notably before the public.

Zadoc Long, John D's father, a distinguished citizen of Maine, was a man of extensive literary attainment.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY COMMITTEE.

The present committee held its first meeting Tuesday, at the county building. Considerable time was spent in talking over party interests in different sections of the county.

Organization was effected by choosing Mr. Park chairman. The members of the committee are:
Ellery C. Park, Bethel;
Albion F. Gordon, Fryeburg;
A. C. T. King, South Paris;
Harlan P. Wheeler, Gilead;
Ernest H. Herrold, Greenwood;
John S. Barlow, Dixfield.

THE MAINE AMATEUR PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The semi-annual meeting of the Maine Amateur Press Association was held, Monday. Twenty-one delegates represented the leading school papers in Portland, Saco, Orono, Bangor, Deering, Camden, Foxcroft, Skowhegan, Bridgton, Oxford and other places.

President B. M. Karnsteen of Bangor resigned, and M. S. Danforth of Bangor was elected in his place. It was voted to change the annual dues from \$5 to \$1, and that editors of school papers should have more time allowance from their studies. Papers were read on "The Advantages of a Literary Department in the School Paper," by K. M. Sills of Portland; "Exchanges," by Leo Cole of Saco; "The Size, Shape and Cost of School Papers," by M. K. Ormsby, and "The Business Department," by C. B. Moore of Bangor. A reception was held in the evening. The next meeting will be in Skowhegan.

POMONA GRANGE RESOLVES.

WHEREAS, There appeared in the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER of Jan. 15, columns are criticizing State Superintendent Stetson's report of schools, and inasmuch as it was a most unjust and untrue article, and inasmuch as it came from Oxford county, when it was without question inspired by a personal enemy of Mr. Stetson, whose name is withheld, living out of the county. Therefore, be it resolved, That Oxford County Pomona Grange presents the spirit of the criticism as unchristian and unbecoming, and inasmuch as it tended to wound the feelings of an official rather than to correct an error, and condemns its publication by one of the leading newspapers of Oxford county.

Resolved, That we extend to Supt. Stetson our appreciation of his efforts to benefit our common schools, and our regrets that such an unmanly personal attack should be made by any citizen.

Resolved, That these resolutions be sent to our esteemed brother, Stetson, a copy spread upon the records of this Grange, and a copy sent to the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER for publication.

W. H. TRACY, Committee.
GEO. W. Q. FERRIS,
W. H. TRACY,
CHAS. EDWARDS.

Our Attitude Toward Schools.

Why We Criticized the Work of the State Superintendent, and Our Belief as to School Needs.

When the ADVERTISER published its criticism of the report of W. W. Stetson, State Superintendent of the Common Schools, it was in good faith toward its readers. It will be remembered that we have each year printed articles about the different State reports, cutting from them for their purpose various matters of local interest. Last year, when we read the report of the State Superintendent of Common Schools, we felt that much of it could have been omitted, and in profit to the reader, gain for the schools, and saving of the State's money. This year, we found those same things grown worse. We wrote and published a criticism of the report, as an account of official acts.

We did not then know by what influences Mr. Stetson had obtained his office. From the fact that he had the office, we supposed that he possessed friends. Of the existence of his enemies we were ignorant. It was solely from his own writings that we learned the facts which caused us to express disapproval of him as a public officer.

In many of our exchanges we have seen comments on our criticism. The greater part were kindly to us. The few that were not, in every case showed either misunderstanding or hasty reading of our article. In two papers, one of them a near neighbor, our article has been misquoted, and arguments against our position based upon those misquotations. In each case the misquotation bears the earmarks of carelessness.

Shortly after that criticism appeared, we were surprised to hear that Mr. Stetson's friends were busily telling how we had allowed the ADVERTISER to be used as a tool by an enemy of his. We were told that the inspiration came from his name to Norway and inquired of different persons about the ADVERTISER office as to the authorship of that criticism, never failing to ask who was the inspiration. We told them, and now tell our readers, that the inspiration came wholly from the report itself, and that the article was prepared by us at a desk in the ADVERTISER's sanctum. One of the inquiries—a man whom we like and with whom we have had pleasant business relations—said that Mr. Stetson asked him to find out those things. We told him plainly: "If Mr. Stetson is so conceited that he can conceive of no opposition, except from personal enmity, the man needs pity."

We have lately learned that many prominent educators opposed Mr. Stetson's candidacy for the position. We have learned that his official acts have strengthened their belief that he is unfit for the office. We have learned that he himself is spiteful, and suppose that disposition to be his cause for suspecting the same in us. We can name a good citizen, known all over Maine as a man of affairs, to whom Mr. Stetson did not deign to speak. That man gave offense by working for the appointment of somebody else to the State school superintendency. We have learned that Mr. Stetson's own education is less than a man in his position ought to have. Doubtless, the fact accounts for the crudeness of his writings.

We have learned that he is influential in Grange circles. That surprised us. His Grange friends naturally take sides with him, and accept his theory of why we dislike his official work. We believe that full knowledge of the changes he wishes in our school system would horrify them.

The schools of Maine have trained for content usefulness a larger percentage of their pupils than any other. The system under which that was accomplished has been tried and not found wanting. It is worthy of long life in the years to come. It is the democratic plan of letting the common people get right at the schools and "raise the Old Harry" with them if they are poor. It is the system of keeping them in contact with the fathers and mothers. Mr. Stetson seeks to have all this destroyed and things put into the hands of a central board with him as chief. An educated citizen of the State of New York was talking about this idea, and said "He wants to have the New York scheme, by which the person with a political pull can get at the head of it so he can control the patronage."

Mr. Stetson may be sincere, but we cannot feel to trust one who asks for such dangerous power. Good will us to oppose such a revolution. It is said that the schools of Maine are going back. We believe that the way to remedy that is to get them more in touch with the people, instead of out of their reach. We believe that the way to get better teachers is by arousing competition for positions in the educational field, instead of creating an expensive board to parcel out favors.

We believe in expert superintendence of our schools. We wish Mr. Stetson's lengthy chapter on that subject had told us how it worked where tried, what are the difficulties, how far has it been found best to carry it, what are its special advantages, etc. Instead, the report contains the dry husks of his own ideas and notions.

Toward Mr. Stetson personally, we bear no malice. Toward him officially, we tell how we feel and why. As loyal citizens of Maine, we have the welfare of the commonwealth at heart. We are proud of the greatness of Maine's sons and daughters. We believe Mr. Stetson's schemes would harm the State and belittle her children. That belief is ours, and not the second-hand convictions of another. We are rejoiced to find that others share our faith.

RUMFORD CENTER.

Chas. Goodwin is working for V. D. Kimball.
Henry Hall and Mabel Curtis are attending school at Rumford Point.

Chas. Johnson has returned home, after working one week in the woods, with a sprained ankle and frozen hands.

Hildreth Graham and Ross Elliot, who were recently married, gave a reception to their friends the other evening. A pleasant time was enjoyed. Among the presents left were, a dinner set, silver sugar bowl, knives, forks and spoons. We wish them much future happiness.

WEST LOVELL.

Herbert LeBaron and wife of Rumford Falls, are visiting his parents and other relatives here.

Webster Abbott's family and Olden McAllister's wife, who have been under the doctor's care, are improving.

The West Lovell Library Circle met Feb. 4 with Mrs. Wm. LeBaron. Nearly seventy were present. They will soon send for more books. This library is a valuable aid to the readers here as it is the only one in town. The next circle meets Feb. 18, with Mrs. Augustus Wiley of Stow.

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BOLSTER'S MILLS.

Mrs. Kaphira Chute is home after teaching a pleasant and profitable term on Scribner Hill.

Crooked River Grange received six new members at its last meeting, Feb. 20 it gives an antiquarian supper, and entertainment appropriate for the occasion.

Benj. Skillings seems some better at the present writing. While in Portland, attending to his duties of deputy sheriff, he fell on the sidewalk and injured his head, and this, with sciatic rheumatism, has made him a great sufferer. It is hard for so active a man as Mr. Skillings to remain confined to the house for several weeks, and we hope to soon see him about as usual.

The village school, under the instruction of Virginia F. Weston, closed Feb. 5, after a term of nine weeks. Of 23 pupils registered, the following 14 were not absent: Mary B. Brackett, Ralph W. Haskell, Fred C. Green, John M. Hancock, Lawrence N. Wight, Ernest J. Hamlin, Harry M. Davis, Lewis A. Andrews, Edgar W. Andrews, Sadie E. Abbott, Myrtle E. Lowell, Ethel M. Haskell, Iza M. Richardson, Josie T. Mains. Fifteen have not been tardy, a 4th average attendance has been 22.

EAST HIRAM.

Died in Santiago, Minn., Jan. 24, Mrs. Mary J., widow of Benjamin Bailey, formerly of Sebago and Upton, aged 77 years, 4 months. She leaves one son, John, one daughter, Mrs. Georgia Merga, a brother, Cyrus H. West of Errol, N. H., a brother, Abner H. West of Marietta, O., a sister, Mrs. Horace Garey of Greenwood, and a sister, Mrs. A. H. Godwin of Pomona, Cal.

SNOW'S FALLS.

Mrs. Edna Smith of Portland, is visiting her son, Moses D. Smith, at Rumford Falls, Saturday, returning Monday.

The school on the Hollow, under the instruction of Mrs. Briggs of West Paris, closed last Friday.

Mrs. J. S. Clapp, who has been in Connecticut since the last of August, came home last week. Her daughter Grace has returned to Connecticut.

E. Bert Curtis was at his father's, B. C. Curtis', on Sunday. He has been unable to work for two weeks on account of having carbuncles on his neck, but is now much better.

TIERD SALESWOMEN.

Employers Should Be More Considerate of Their Health.
Interesting Statement by a Young Lady in Brooklyn.

In the vast retail establishments of large cities, many women are employed as saleswomen.

Men formerly held the positions that



women hold, and while women's organization is less strong than men's they are expected to do the same work. Their duties compel them to be on their feet from morning to night, and many of them, in a short time, contract these distressing complaints called "female diseases."

Then occur irregularities, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, indigestion, leucorrhoea, general debility and nervous prostration. They are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness.

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Have just received a new line of Spring and Summer Dress Goods; all the latest styles. Also more bargains in Underwear and Hosiery. We have bargains in every Department.

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Ladies' Dong. Boots, Common Sense and Opera Toe, sizes 2 1-2 to 5.

" " and Velvet Slippers, sizes 2 1-2 to 4.

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Dark Brown, Light Brown, Dark and Light Brown

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MERRITT : WELCH

Methodist Ministers' Convention.

The Methodist Ministers of Lewiston District have had a convention. It was held in the Norway Methodist church. They are a jolly set of men, as we expect ministers of their denomination to be. And when they got down to work and discussed ways and means, it was with characteristic Methodist earnestness. Outside of Norway and South Paris, these clergymen of this district were present:

Presiding Elder, J. A. Corey, Lewiston. Thomas P. Baker, Mechanic Falls. V. Briggs, South Waterford. A. R. Bryant, West Paris. H. E. Dunham, Minot. J. Hamilton, Bethel. G. D. Holmes, Lisbon. D. B. Holt, Bridgton. J. B. Howard, Oxford. Robert Lawton, Yarmouthville. M. K. Mabry, East North Yarmouth. R. A. Rich, Brunswick. A. W. Waterhouse, South Auburn. C. H. Young, North Auburn. W. F. Holmes, Brunswick.

Rev. J. B. Lapham of Kent's Hill, Presiding Elder of the Lewiston District, was present, and took part. His work in Norway and South Paris is favorably remembered and he received a hearty welcome.

The Convention was called to order, at 7 o'clock, Monday evening, by the President, Presiding Elder Corey. A typical Methodist meeting followed, with earnest exhortations. Rev. Robert Lawton preached an encouraging sermon from Phil. iii, 12. Mr. Lawton is small, but he's smart, and those who heard him carried away a vivid knowledge of that fact. The choir led the singing.

Tuesday morning, the convention re-assembled. Rev. M. K. Mabry led a devotional service, after which the president took the chair. Rev. R. A. Rich was appointed secretary pro tem, till the Association secretary should arrive, on the next train. Brothers Adams, Lawton and Briggs were appointed committee on resolutions.

Rev. R. A. Rich addressed the gathering on relation of the pastor to the Sunday school. He vigorously rattled the dry bones and stirred up a lively debate. Visitors from other districts or other denominations were invited to take part.

Mr. Baker spoke on the minister's course of study and reading. He thought the minister should first read so as to be a man well informed on general subjects, secondly study to learn more of his own work, and thirdly follow his individual bent. If the order were reversed, he would never get beyond his own bent. Mr. Mabry thought that the conference course of reading should be reread.

Brothers Howard and Dunham gave strong papers on the live topic of methods of sermon preparation. If their sermons are as interesting as their papers nobody will ever accuse them of being dry preachers. The discussion which followed was participated in by brothers Adams, Lapham, G. D. Holmes, and Rev. B. S. Rideout of Norway Congregational church.

Adjourned for dinner. At one o'clock, called to order by the President. Brother Lapham led in prayer. The nominating committee reported in favor of re-electing the old board of officers, which was done as follows:

President, Presiding Elder J. A. Corey. Vice President, L. A. Bean. Secretary, V. Briggs. Executive Committee, W. F. Holmes, Thomas P. Baker, G. D. Holmes.

Brothers G. D. Holmes, Bean and Bryant were appointed a committee on resolutions, to report on Wednesday morning. Later, Brother Adams was added to the committee.

Rev. J. A. Harding of the Baptist church was introduced to the convention and made a few remarks as their guest.

Then the camp-meeting subject was taken up and stirred over. The work in general and also at Poland was considered, at length. The result was instructions to the committee on resolutions to prepare a statement to be submitted to the coming conference.

The president was obliged to leave, and Brother Adams took the chair. Brother Waterhouse gave a deep paper on sources and methods of spiritual power.

Adjournment to evening. Tuesday evening, there was a sermon by Brother Bean. His topic was the saving of souls. He dwelt at length on the need of personal consecration and personal work by the consecrated. Brother Adams followed with exhortation. During the evening, there was a solo by Brother Waterhouse.

Wednesday morning work was resumed. Brother Hamilton led a devotional service, after which Pres. Corey, having returned again, took the chair. Evangelistic services outside the church proved a fruitful topic. Brother Hamilton gave a general review of the line-of this work. Brother Young followed. He advocated the purchase of a tent for the purpose of holding evangelistic services wherever it might seem best. He wanted a good tent with seats for 300. It could be used at camp-meeting, and could be taken into places where there is no house of worship. It could be used for overflow meetings at any largely attended convention or meeting. This matter seemed so important that nearly all took part in discussing it. It was decided to have a tent, and a committee was chosen to find ways and means for getting it. The members are brothers Corey, Hamilton, Bryant, Bean, G. D. Holmes. The committee has already begun work.

Bro. Bragg gave a personal talk on the use of tracts.

The committee on resolutions reported the customary thanks to pastor, people and railroads for accommodations.

Afterwards a special vote of thanks was passed for the ladies who served a splendid supper in the vestry.

The recommendations about Poland camp-meeting are: That it shall not be held over the Sabbath; cigars, tobacco light drinks not to be sold on the grounds; better arrangement of gate fees; singing conducted by those in sympathy with the work.

After dinner, when the brethren came together for the closing session, they were led in prayer by Bro. Rich.

Bro. Bryant spoke at length on pastoral visiting.

Bro. Eldridge spoke of the minister and the church finances. His own record along that line is good, and his practical ideas, therefore, receive careful consideration.

The convention was closed Wednesday evening.

We had a talk with Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Hamilton relative to the Methodist conference coming to Norway. We know that Presiding Elder Corey thinks favorably of the idea, and we expect that Norway Methodists will go to work for that desirable object. It is many years since the conference was held in Oxford county, and if all will help it can come here again.

Alice L. Goodwin of Hiram has had a pension granted, and David S. Abbott of Rumford Point an increase of pension.

MASON.

A. S. Bean's mill started up, the past week, with a full crew and plenty of timber.

S. O. Grover has been hauling birch from Fritz Tyler's place to West Bethel, the past week.

E. B. Shaw of Auburn, formerly of West Bethel, visited at Chas. Brown's, the past week.

Daniel Mills and F. I. Bean are drawing their popular pulp wood to the station at West Bethel.

J. C. Bean went to Berlin, N. H., last Saturday, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Mason, returning Monday.

Rosie Wheeler came up from Bethel, last Saturday, to spend the Sabbath at her old home at S. O. Grover's.

Mrs. Daniel Mills is having a sick time. She has been sick for some weeks. At last accounts, she was slowly improving.

Loton Hutchinson returned home from Boston, where he was conductor on the electric cars, to spend his vacation, last week.

Archibald Hutchinson went to Waterford, last week, and brought over Cyrus Mills and wife, who will make their home with him, this winter.

Business is booming. Every team far and near is busy drawing spruce, white birch and poplar, between West Bethel and Albany. There are over twenty 2-horse teams. R. K. Morrill has six teams drawing pine, making two trips a day, besides several from Mason.

Pleasant Valley Grange met at their hall at West Bethel, Saturday, Feb. 6th. The p. m. opened in the fourth degree. After routine business was dispatched, the following officers were installed: Charles Dunham, Worthy Master, and Mary A. Dunham as chaplain, by Overseer W. A. Farwell assisted by Addison Bean; W. A. Farwell, overseer, by Worthy Master Dunham assisted by the steward, Addison Bean. The trustees are M. M. Mason, Addison Bean and H. G. Mason. Owing to sickness the attendance was small.

HARRISON.

We are glad to see Mr. Pitts on the street again.

All the schools have closed for a period of three months.

The mercury jumped, Monday week, from 13 below at sunrise to 32 above at noon.

W. C. Bryant, wife and daughter of Biddford are still at Crystal Lake Cottage with O. A. Kuehland.

On Friday evening the Christian Endeavorers enjoyed a pleasant anniversary with appropriate services.

Rollin Davis, as usual, is doing a lively business at lumbering, this winter. He drives a team of six horses.

E. K. Whitney is suffering from a paralytic shock of Friday week. Hopes are entertained of his recovery.

Thomas Emory and wife are to resume the coat business at the same place of M. Jordan & Son, in the near future. Mr. E. thoroughly understands the business.

C. H. Eaton has a store full of furniture and he invites you to call and see the goods and get prices. Goods delivered free within 50 miles of the store. See ad.

What a driving snow and gale of wind we experienced on Thursday week, with huge drifts to shovel. The Norway stage turned back to Norway until Friday morning and reached our village on Friday noon. The Brighton stage got through, late however.

At this writing, hopes are entertained that our aged veteran Stephen Tibbets may survive until his one hundredth birthday, which will occur July 29th, the present year. He seems anxious to live and remains as comfortable as can be expected under the existing circumstances.

We are looking forward anxiously to springtime and the trolleys to come. Harrison will then make a strike for more business, and we believe it will be the liveliest business town according to its population to be found in the State. We have one of the best water privileges in the State lying dormant, which some one with means will start as soon as our trolleys get here, we believe.

SOUTH HARRISON.

Grace Ryerson is working for John Brackett.

Hattie Johnson has returned to Bridgton.

School closed last Friday with an exhibition in the evening. It was taught by Persie L. Morrison of Auburn. The order of the program was as follows:

Greeting song.....School
Recitation.....Ruth Buck
Recitation.....Ruth Buck
Solo.....Susie Strout
Recitation.....Bertha Strout
Recitation.....Bertha Strout
Recitation.....Ella Thompson
Solo.....Ella Thompson
Recitation.....Roy Johnson
Recitation.....Roy Johnson
Solo.....Roy Johnson
Composite recitation.....Quartet
Recitation.....Guy Thompson
Recitation.....Guy Thompson
Song, "Coming Holidays".....School
Recitation.....Percy Backe
Recitation.....Percy Backe
Recitation.....Zilla Fogg
Solo.....Bertha Strout
Recitation.....Norine Johnson
Recitation.....George Buck
Recitation.....George Buck
Solo.....Haud Ross
Dialogues.....Susie Strout, David Greene
Solo.....Susie Strout, David Greene
Solo.....Ella Thompson
Recitation.....Ella Thompson
Recitation.....Ella Thompson
Recitation.....Persie L. Morrison
Song, "America".....School

The exhibition was held in the church and there were about 150 present.

CASCO.

Mrs. Grace V. Parris is quite sick, at this writing.

Mrs. Frank Noble has been sick with tonsillitis, at her uncle Henry Colby's.

L. D. Nutting of Cook's Mills is prepared to do blacksmithing of all kinds.

Willie J. Cook has been suffering with sore throat, but is better at this writing.

Hall Edwards' family that have been sick, for the past two weeks, are reported better.

Mrs. Lydia Cook of Cook's Mills has been visiting her brother, Wm. F. Cook, the past week.

E. A. Barton and son Cyrus are cutting stove timber for G. K. Hanson, and Dexter Edwards is hauling it to Hog Meadow mill.

A young hopeful went fishing, the other day. He had a small trout hook and line, and for bait he had a cud of gum. He says they did not bite very well.

This part of the country has been visited by a flood. It rained without ceasing, for about twenty hours, and the beautiful snow that we have enjoyed for about three weeks, has mostly disappeared, and unless it freezes up, goodbye to the sledding.

Mrs. Washington Edwards is in poor health at present.

Mrs. Ira Page is confined to the house with a very bad cold.

Mr. Milnes, a son of Poland, were in town buying cattle, Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Jordan presented her husband with a fine baby girl, on the 2d of February.

Mrs. H. N. Nichols and children visited at her mother's, Mrs. M. L. Leach's, last Friday.

Prescott A. Buzzell of Lowell, Mass., formerly of Casco, is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Blanche M. Leach of Gorham Normal School, is assistant teacher in the High school at the village.

Fred Libby is at work for Ira Page taking the place of Martin Merion, who has been working there.

Lizzie Spiller of Limington, and Mrs. Cyrus Spiller of Webb's Mills, were in Casco shopping the 5th.

S. O. Hancock's little son Ralph, has been dangerously sick with membranous croup, but is much better at present.

The store of H. H. Hall at Elee's Falls was entered by burglars, last Monday night. The letters were all torn open and contents scattered about. They only secured \$1.00, but R. C. Elee's store was also broken into the same night and a fur coat valued at \$38.00 the only thing lost.

GREENWOOD.

Simone Farr is soon to move out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin are on the sick list.

It is reported that John R. Foster has had a shock, and is in bad health.

Lewis L. Haskell of Lewiston visited in "Richardson Hollow," recently.

Most of the farmers in "Richardson Hollow" have put in their year's supply of ice.

Fred Cole and James Lapham are sending the paper, at West Paris, for the Forest City Paper Co.

Mrs. Asa Packard has returned home from a stay with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Hill, at West Paris.

Frank Willis has commenced to saw the lumber which was contracted to be hauled to the Wood Kim Factory, at West Paris.

The selectmen of Greenwood commenced, Feb. 6, to settle up town affairs, preparatory to making out their annual town report.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Thursday's rain stopped traffic.

Ed Winslow returned to Orono, Monday.

Lincoln Whitman has had a sore hand, caused by sticking fork tines through it.

Al Marshall and Ad Buckman of West Paris are hauling cord from here there.

C. B. Brooks was down Wednesday selling "Peace in the Family." Everybody should have that.

Adam Thayer remains very ill. Several doctors have called on the case. Rheumatic fever is hard anyway.

It is time to talk over new departures for March 1. Trot out your new ideas. There will be some radical changes.

George Stevens and W. S. Davis are getting out lumber. Mr. Stevens for a barn, and Mr. Davis for a house to be built in the spring.

Thos. Turvey, Roscoe Tuell and Geo. Packard have been hauling wood from here to West Paris, some for the butter factory and some for the corn shop.

I hear rumors of hidden treasures hereabouts. Some searched last season. What a surprise it would really be in case valuables should be unearthed.

A man from Rumford Falls came to greet here just after the recent blow. I understand it lamed him some, and the sleigh suffered more or less, but he proceeded in due time o. k.

Services were to be held at the Methodist church last Sunday, by Mrs. Brooks of Greenwood, but were prevented. We hope next Sunday will see services there, in fact, the conditions should be improved; however, everybody do the best they can at present.

SOUTH CONWAY, N. H.

J. Allie Garland of Boston is at home at his father's. He has been having the measles quite bad.

Mr. Nichols, of Lowell, is in the place to see about buying some horses to have on his summer place this season.

Mrs. Fly, of Cornish, Mrs. Drown's mother, has been with her since Thursday. Mr. Fly returned home Friday afternoon.

Died in this place Feb. 5, Harry, the infant son of Howard and Minnie Drown, aged nearly five months. Buried at Mrs. Drown's mother, Mrs. Eli Drown, who lives near the Fryeburg line. Mrs. John A. Scott gave some beautiful flowers for the casket.

ATTENTION FARMERS.

One of our subscribers wishes to have the following clipping inserted as the information is of a general character. But little canned corn is selling freely, but New York is buying quite freely. One of our largest and most successful packers of corn has long contended that the cause of its souring the can is the use of material that has been touched by frost. Several years ago this trouble of soured corn appeared all over the country, and it was a season of early frost. Reasoning from this and discarding all "germ" theories, the packer tried a small lot that was slightly affected by frost. He gave the goods extra attention in the cooking, but the corn soured in the cans, just as he expected. Since this experiment he could not be induced to pack a can of corn under any suspicion as to quality, a rule it would be advantageous for all to follow. Better the small loss at first, than the greater loss later, involving a sacrifice of reputation.

Moody's Advice to Wives.

Addressing women who are wives the other day in Tremont temple, Boston, Mr. Moody told them that if they have just complaint against their husbands they should seek divorce. Anticipating the objection that such advice would break up the home, he declared that he gave it for the upbuilding of the home and the defence of the family honor.

Mothers and Daughters.

Brooklyn has a eucure club called the Mothers- and Daughters' club. No rule is eligible for membership who cannot bring a mother or a daughter with her. They meet for play in the afternoon, and when once assembled they quickly separate into two groups, one composed entirely of daughters, the other of mothers.

RUMFORD.

Jennie Brackett of Vermont is visiting at Geo. Stearns'.

Irene Brown is staying at R. W. Needham's for a few days.

Byron Tuttle drove to Andover Saturday night with the stage.

Mrs. Philena Abbott has recovered from her ill spell, and seems as well as ever.

Ned Martin, Ned Stuart and Harold Hutchins are attending school at Rumford Point.

A large attendance at V. I. S. hall last Wednesday night, and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves.

Mrs. Josephine Barker has returned from Auburn, where she has been visiting her brother, C. V. Martin.

Ed E. Stevens has his 5-year-old pacing mare to parties in Worcester, Mass. It was one of the finest colts ever raised around here, so no wonder we felt sorry to have her sold.

The Circle will be entertained Feb. 17 at V. I. S. hall by Mrs. Eugene Barker and Miss Anna Tuttle. There will be dancing and supper as usual. All are cordially invited.

School began at Rumford Point last Monday, Ernest Morse teacher. The town is very fortunate in securing the services of so worthy a young man in school affairs, and we hope the people will unite in supporting Mr. Morse as supervisor for the coming year, as his good work has only just begun.

F. S. Hodgdon of Rumford Point is very sick.

Josephine Roberts visited her brother at Mexico, last week.

Levi Butters of Stoneham spent last week with his mother and sister.

Lila Howe from Paris is visiting friends in Hanover and Rumford.

E. E. Stevens has sold his fast pacer to a gentleman from Massachusetts.

Mrs. Julia Barker and Anna Tuttle will entertain the circle, next week. All are invited.

Catherine Elliott closes her school in this district, this week. We think all feel that it has been a profitable term.

EAST HEBRON.

Dr. A. E. Robinson is busy, clipping horses.

Our late rain brought a sad look on the teamsters.

Winter is nearly gone, and roads have been broken but twice.

Report says East Hebron can boast of two new brides in the place.

Fred Ricker of Turner is again buying apples, paying seventy-five cents per barrel.

Tommy Russell, a young lad, is canvassing for Sweet Home and other varieties of soap.

Daniel Keene has hired Gilbert Roberts as cook, to go to Peru and attend to his workmen's wants.

H. N. Merrill sends his apples to the commissionaires at Liverpool, this week, hoping he can do better there.

Deacon R. P. Fuller is again canvassing for the Pacific Guano Co., for which he has been an agent, many years.

Mrs. Walter Briggs of Buckfield is failing rapidly. She is the daughter of Rev. C. T. Keene of Peru, and a native of East Hebron.

Several young ladies in this vicinity intend to teach school, the coming season—their first attempt. They are preparing for the work.

The dairy men have just completed their job of ice-packing. The ice is so clear that one lady read several lines in a newspaper through a cake sixteen inches thick.

GILEAD.

Geo. Burnham is failing fast.

H. P. Wheeler returned to Augusta, Monday.

Geo. Leighton was down to Lewiston Sunday last.

The January thaws got belated some, arriving Feb. 3th.

Mrs. G. H. Robertson was down to Oxford last Saturday.

A boat was needed to get over the village with, Monday.

J. W. Bennett has started up his mill here and the Frost Mills also.

Bad getting around when P. B. Heath stays at home all day. Monday he was not out.

J. W. Bennett has got along very well for the past week with his house moving, having only two men to move.

Mrs. Nancy Connor shows us her usual pretty collection house plants, which are in bloom and looking fine this winter.

ANDOVER.

Bert Akers cut his foot while at work for John Wyman.

Frank Howard of the Falls has been visiting his brother, M. A. Howard, the past week.

The past week has been improved by the farmers and lumbermen by hauling their wood and lumber. The roads have been first-class.

Marshall Howard and Wist Lovejoy have commenced hauling brick from the Falls for H. V. Poor. Mr. Poor will use 18,000 in the new house he is to have built this summer.

There is quite a number of people sick at the present time. J. E. Akers is sick with neuralgia near the heart. Will Akers came out of the woods very sick, but is now better. Fred Smith is sick with a bad cold, and many others are suffering from colds.

Mrs. J. C. Merrill, who has been very sick for some time, died Monday morning. She leaves two sons, Frank and Charles Merrill, and one daughter, Mrs. R. L. Melcher, and four grandchildren to mourn her death. The funeral was held in the Congregational church Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. C. Young attending.

DENMARK.

Mrs. A. H. Witham is considerably worse.

The village primary school closed last Saturday.

Uncle Joseph Bennett has been very poorly the past week.

There were no services at the church Sunday on account of the storm.

Mr. Bell, of Lowell, was in town last week buying and putting up apples.

We had a very rainy time Saturday night, and Sunday the roads were just awful.

Rev. C. F. Sargent had a telegram Friday afternoon announcing the death of his father in Georgia. Only about two weeks ago his mother died.

Nathaniel Walker of North Fryeburg has recently moved into our village, into the old Tarbox stand, more recently owned by Reuben Chadbourne.

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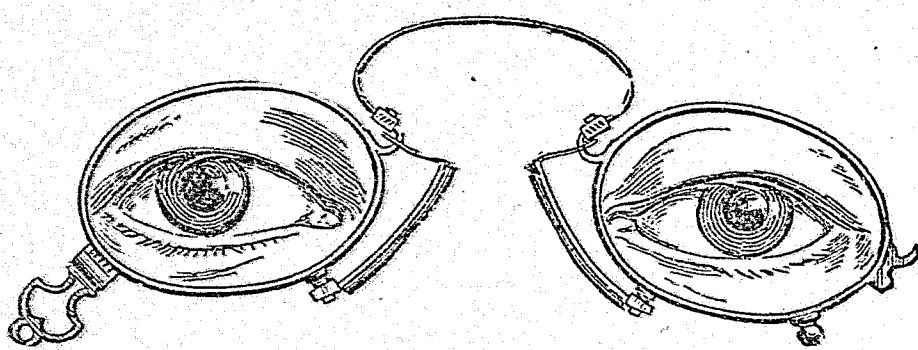
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NORWAY AND VICINITY.

There was no organist at the Congregationalist church, Sunday.

Mrs. C. H. Adams' mother, Mrs. Mary A. Reed, died at Portland of heart failure, Friday morning, Jan. 29th.

Many manufacturers will watch the experiment of electric power in the Norway shoe shops,—says an exchange.

All Sunday, there was a steady down-pour of wetness. It filled the snow and people wearing tall rubber boots were the only ones that could move about and keep their feet dry. Attendance at the churches was slim. Altogether, it was as dull a day as we have seen for a long time.

Darius S. Sanborn remarked, the other day, that he was acquainted with Judge McKenna of California, who is mentioned for a place in McKinley's cabinet. Mr. Sanborn further remarked that "McKenna is a man that would strongly remind you of Enoch Foster. He's smart, too, as you can tell from the fact that he was district attorney when twenty-two years old. I was in the same town with him when in California."

The clerks' ball, this Thursday evening, promises to be an unique occasion. A large number of tickets have been sold, both of dances and spectators. All arrangements have been made with the utmost care, and it will be a surprise if things don't go just right. Prof. Fred A. Given will direct the orchestra and Chas. S. Akers will be floor manager. Next's "perfection" ice cream and some of the best Norway cake will be served at intermission. The concert will be delightful and the order of dances is first class.

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RIDDLE.

Answers sent in to Bible riddle Feb. 5, at 9 o'clock a. m.
The whale, especially, the one that swallowed Jonah.

Mrs. S. A. BENNETT.

Mrs. Edwin Morse, Norway, N. M. Partridge, Norway Lake and Mrs. Geo. H. Swan, send in the answer of Jonah's Whale.

Another Riddle:—

There was a man of Adam's race,
Who had a certain dwelling place,
A house well built and covered o'er,
Neither mortal dwelt, since or before.
It was not built by human art,
Nor on the earth, stone, wood in any part.
"I was not in Heaven nor in Hell,
Nor on the earth, stone, wood in any part.
If you know this man of fame,
Tell where he lived and what his name.

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HEBRON ACADEMY ALUMNI.

The first annual reunion and dinner of the Boston Hebron Academy Alumni association will be held at Young's hotel, Tuesday, Feb. 10. A reception will be held at 9.30 p. m. and dinner will be served at 8 p. m. Ex-Gov. John D. Long will preside at the dinner with Mr. Prentiss Cummings as toastmaster. The following toasts will be responded to: "Hebron's Past," J. George Parsons; "Hebron's Present," Principal W. E. Sargent; "The Local Minister," Rev. A. R. Crane, D. D. "Hebron's Clergymen," Rev. J. K. Richardson; "Hebron's Lawyers and Legislators," J. H. Millett and Hon. W. A. Morse; "Hebron's Business Men," Seth M. Milliken; "Hebron's Benefactors," Hon. C. W. Kingsley.

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Stocks and bonds owned by the com-

pany, market value 432,735 00

Cash in the company's principal of-

fice and in bank 27,877 85

Interest due and accrued 2,202 00

Premiums in due course of collection 165,514 04

Aggregate of all admitted assets

of company as audited 674,028 89

LIABILITIES, December 31, 1896.

Net amount of unpaid losses and

claims \$2,008 00

Amount required to satisfy re-insur-

ance outstanding risks 301,514 96

All other demands against the com-

pany, viz.: commissions, etc. 49,101 50

Total amount of liabilities, except

capital stock and net surplus 432,624 46

Capital actually paid up in cash 200,000 00

Surplus beyond capital 47,700 20

Aggregate amount of liabilities,

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Judge Charles C. Cole.

A pretty sizable man in the city of Washington is Judge Charles C. Cole, a native of Oxford County. And it takes a man of considerably heavy mental equipment to have any size at all in our nation's capital city. Our readers will doubtless find an account of Judge Cole's life interesting.

Charles C. Cole was born in Hiram, May 22, 1841. As a boy he went to the common schools, attended Fryeburg Academy, and was for a time a student of the Maine Wesleyan seminary at Kent's Hill. But much of his training was received from his father, a man of marked attainments and for many years a prominent teacher in the public schools. The boy lived on a farm till he was 17 years old, when he began teaching, and followed that vocation till he attained his majority.

His father, David H. Cole, was a grandson of a Revolutionary soldier. He was a cousin and life-long associate of the late David Hammons, of Lovell, who served in Congress. He was himself well known in political circles, and as a delegate attended the first Republican State convention held in Maine.

He afterward removed to Naples, where he was postmaster 18 years, and was twice sent to the State Senate. In connection he had a considerable law practice.

Mrs. David H. Cole's maiden name was Ruth Eastman. She was a daughter of Ezekiel Eastman, of Cornish, a continental soldier in the war of the Revolution. Early in 1862 the fighting blood inherited by the subject of this sketch drew him actively into the struggle then raging. He was assigned to the 17th regiment Maine infantry, and served in that till it was disbanded. His regiment was in the Army of the Potomac, participating in all its battles from the first Fredericksburg fight to Appomattox.

There were more than 30 general engagements and many skirmishes that in previous American wars would have been called large battles. Private Cole went safely through them all without a scratch, was never absent from duty, tended strictly to business, received several promotions, and when mustered out had a captain's commission.

On the return of peace, Capt. Cole commenced the study of law. He began Blackstone in Portland. He also attended Harvard Law School and graduated in 1867 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. The previous October he had been admitted to the Cumberland county bar. In December following his graduation he went to Parkersburg, an important Ohio river town in West Virginia. In 1869 he was elected prosecuting attorney for the county. He was subsequently city solicitor of Parkersburg. His ability and attention to business soon placed him in the front rank of the attorneys of that State and his advice was sought in cases of importance.

In 1878, Capt. Cole removed to Washington, D. C. He practised in the different courts of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court of the United States. While at the bar there, he was counsel in many important cases, including the famous "star route" trials. Mar. 3, 1891, President Harrison appointed him United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. This was the most important District Attorneyship in the country. February 11, 1893, President Harrison again sent his name to the Senate, the nomination was confirmed and he became an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Like all other Federal Judgeships, this official position is for life. This court has the most extensive and varied jurisdiction of any court in the land, combining the powers of a territorial court, a district court and those of a United States court.

Judge Cole has never held a political office, his tastes leading him in the direction of the law. But he has always been active in promoting the interests of the Republic. Party and from the time he was admitted to the bar till appointed to the bench, was on the stump in different States in a large number of national and State campaigns.

Judge Cole has three brothers and one sister living. W. L. Cole is a prominent attorney in Washington, C. L. Cole is a business man in Minneapolis, Wallace D. Cole and Mrs. Susan E. Libby live in Norway village.

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Secretary McKean of the Maine Board of Agriculture has succumbed to the influenza and is down with an acute attack of indigestion. Mr. McKean is a good farmer. He knows all about laws, crops and conditions of agriculture. He can stand long hours of work and travel, and can make an indefinite number of bright speeches at short notice. But the picnic dinner was too much for him. The baked beans and coffee at the Grange dinner, the pies such as mother used to make and the frosted cake of the sweet girl graduate, got in their deadly work and left an exhausted stomach that under ordinary conditions could have digested board meals. The farmers who have reduced him to this deplorable condition meant all right. They wanted to fill him up with the choicest tidbits of the pantry. Better it would be to him good. With a childlike innocence, Mr. McKean yielded to their importunities. He ate and suffers. It is the old story, "The woman tempted me and I did eat." For his part, Mr. McKean stays at his home in Fryeburg and wishes he had not attempted to sample so many kinds of cooking. Dr. Holmes said there never could be any connection between pie and palsy, because no man could eat pie and remain good. Of course Mr. McKean is not so bad as that, but he is on the way. He has eaten the pie.—Bangor News.

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If the victim closes her eyes she is supposed to be faint, and promptly charged at with salts, her garments undone and veil removed before she can explain that she was dozing. She is overloaded with wraps or sits shivering among open windows in rapid alternation, according to the varying ideas of her persecutor.

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OTISFIELD.

Webster Frye is in very poor health. Joseph Strout is still in a very critical condition.

Otis Mitchell swapped horses with Mr. Keene of Poland.

Mrs. Abbie Edwards recently visited relatives, at Paris.

Algonquin Ames is chopping timber for Deck Andrews.

There was a surprise party, at A. H. Smith's, Saturday night.

O. N. Edwards swapped horses with Fred Edwards, last week.

Frank La Tulip commenced work in the steam mill, last Monday.

C. E. Sturgeon has been building an ice-house for Mrs. Phoebe Turner.

C. E. Sturgeon jammed one of his fingers badly, recently, while cutting wood.

Most everybody is sick with colds, coughs and sore throat, in this vicinity.

There was a good fall of rain, last Sunday. It makes logging look down-east.

Walter E. Edwards is quite sick with a severe cold, sore throat and rheumatism. He is unable to be out.

Otis Smith, who has been living with John Noble, has hired a house of E. J. Sylvester, and has moved there.

There is to be a term of high school, at Spurr's Corner, on Wednesday, Feb. 15, and will be taught by Harold Ousman.

LOCKE'S MILLS.

George A. Ayer has left the employ of the G. T. R., as freight agent, and Ernest Herick takes his place.

While Mrs. Bounds has been sick, her little daughter Beulah has been visiting at Mr. Barnett's, on Howe Hill.

Lafe Lapham and wife who have been working for Zenas Barlett, for the last month, returned home, Monday.

School closed here, Saturday, Jan. 30, after a term of thirteen weeks, taught by Tessie Powers of Rumford Falls.

Mrs. Bounds, wife of Rev. J. H. Bounds, has been on the sick list, for the last two weeks, but is slowly gaining, under the treatment of her physician.

Mrs. Joseph Crooker has returned home from Rumford Falls, where she stopped, for the last ten or twelve weeks, and expects to remain at home, the remainder of the winter.

Since the snow storm, teamsters have been improving the sledging, hauling coal and wood to the R. R. station for shipment, but the rain of last Sunday has made the road almost impassable, and but very few have been out with their teams.

Mrs. James Crooker entertained the Ladies' Circle, at Mt. Abram Hall, one week ago last Wednesday. A good number was present, and a good supper provided. Mrs. Maud Harwick will entertain the Circle, next Wednesday evening, at the Hotel Hall, when a picnic supper will be in order. All are invited to come and bring their boxes and baskets filled.

BRYANT'S POND.

Our selectmen have been busy the past week, preparing our town report.

Abel Bacon visited his sister, Mrs. Olive Young of Bethel on Saturday, returning Monday.

Another branch of the Turner cream route has been extended into the north part of this town.

There was a full meeting at the Oxford Co. Pomona Grange at Franklin Grange Hall on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Mayo of the Farm, Turf and Home, was present in the interests of his paper, and also as an officer of G. O. Will Farm.

School in the Gore district closed, last Saturday, and will close Saturday of this week in the Chase district. There was a young man held at the Bryant schoolhouse in Greenwood, Friday evening, Feb. 5.

Question for discussion—Resolved that horses are more profitable for a farmer to work than oxen. There will be a lecture at the Chase schoolhouse, next Saturday night, when the same question will be discussed.

WATERFORD.

C. M. Billings is drawing timber for Durey.

Regular meeting of Keoka Chapter, O. E. S., Friday evening, Feb. 12th.

A. G. Morse is having part of his pine timber from the Kimball lot manufactured into boards for the market.

Stated communication of Mt. Trem-Lodge, F. & A. Masons, Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th. Work in the M. M. degree.

The parson is instructing some of our young folks in athletics. One youngster about ten or a dozen years old, began to show his father how it was done. The result was a black eye and the boy didn't have it either. I believe there is some talk among the "old fellows" of getting Corbett or Fitzsimmons to come and give a few lessons so we can defend ourselves.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Jason W. Towle of this place is doing duty on the grand jury at South Paris, this week.

Emma Ballard entertained a few of the young people with a pretty tea and an evening of music and games on Tuesday last week.

The neighborhood meeting which was to have been held on the 7th inst., at the home of Mrs. Sarah L. Rutledge, is to be held on the 14th, if the weather is favorable. Rev. B. N. Stone of Fryeburg will preach and there will be singing by the young people of the neighborhood. It is hoped that all will feel as free to attend this meeting as if it were to be in the schoolhouse.

The school term at Birch Hill closed, Thursday, Feb. 4th, after a session of ten weeks. Emma and Katie Towle and Frank Stevens were present every day.

There were special and interesting exercises upon the closing day, which were much enjoyed. Abbie Towle was the teacher and the term just closed is her third term in the same school. Kate Hutchins taught successfully the school at Toll Bridge a term of ten weeks, closing last Friday. Fannie Hubbard, whose popularity in district No. 8 is unabated, closed the winter school there, last Friday. Many of the parents and friends of the scholars were in attendance on the closing day, to listen to the recitations of the scholars, who acquitted themselves very creditably. This school is composed of about a score of pupils ranging in age from five years to twenty, and the perfect good feeling between the older scholars and their teacher is a marked feature. Charles Stevens was in attendance every day on time during the term. Nellie Hardy and Louise Ballard were absent only one day and in each case the cause of absence was sickness.

Miss Hubbard was the recipient of a pretty silver napkin ring at the close of school, the gift of Nellie Hardy.

NORWAY LAKE.

Mrs. E. E. Millett of Norway visited at George Adams', last week.

Asa Frost has bought a yoke of oxen of Charles Richardson of Greenwood.

Mrs. L. D. Hobbs has been up on Pike's Hill at J. W. Parsons' for a few days.

David Pride and wife of Waterford were here at the lake visiting relatives, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Gammon were at David Flood's to spend the day last Thursday.

Mrs. R. W. Knight of Monson came from there, last Tuesday, to visit her father, Samuel Partridge. Mr. Partridge had an ill turn, Monday morning, but rallied again and is quite comfortable.

MEXICO.

Mrs. Fred Parsons is gaining slowly. Etta Virgin is at work for H. B. Whitcomb.

Mr. C. F. Wellman is in very poor health.

Irving Brackett has gone up to work for L. H. Reed in his birch mill.

Hezekiah Holt has gone to Dixfield, where he has a job hauling birch.

Mrs. Geo. Gleason, who has been sick for a long time, is improving rapidly.

A. D. Park and wife from Paris are visiting at his father's, H. W. Park's, of this place.

Jack McLain was hurt quite badly while unloading logs from the cars at Smith's crossing, last Saturday.

George Rillon has sold his stand at Ridgelyville to G. E. N. Powers, who he moved his family there. Thomas Kendall has moved into the rent vacated by Mr. Powers.

At the last meeting of Fearnot Lodge, I. O. G. T., the following officers were elected:

C. D. Dwight Elliott, Sec. Mary Parsons, Sec. Wallace Taylor.

Sup. of J. T. Grace Smith, Treas. Fred Holt, Chap. Rev. C. T. Keene.

Fin. Sec. Albert Virgin, Mar. LeBaron Card, Guard, Etta Virgin, Sec. Hiram Lowery.

This Lodge has only been instituted since last August, now according to the last report sent to the Grand Lodge it numbers 91 members in good standing, with every prospect of a still larger gain in the future.

WEST STONEHAM.

Allie McKee has been visiting friends at West Lovell.

Hilton McAllister at North Stoneham remains very poorly.

Willis McKee is at home from Roxbury, where he has been at work.

Orrin Bagshaw and wife from Stow visited at Wm. Gammon's, last week.

Mabel McAllister from Lovell visited her friend, Ina Gammon, the past week.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended the circle, last Thursday, at Wm. LeBaron's.

STOW.

Arley Emerson is visiting relatives in Massachusetts.

Alice Emerson has gone to the Normal school at Gorham.

Elden Emerson has returned from a business trip to Boston.

A. Emerson noticed one of his oxen could not eat, and his throat so badly swollen; he called in a surgeon, who found a ladies' hat pin six inches long, which was thrust into the throat.

Emerson thinks that hat pins are not the best provender.

EAST OXFORD.

Grace Noble is at home from Boston.

Martina Richardson has returned from Salem, where she has been visiting for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. George McKee have a young daughter. We extend our congratulations to them.

Ethel M. Billings has returned from Lisbon Falls, where she has spent two very pleasant weeks with her sister, Mrs. D. S. White. While there she called at the office of the Enterprise, and watched the last Friday's issue of the Lisbon Enterprise roll off the press. She also attended the Red Men's concert and ball, and reports a fine time.

BUCKFIELD.

The foundry has suspended business for a time.

R. C. Thomas and Daniel Murch are on the invalid list.

A. W. Libby and wife have gone to Auburn, called there by the death of Mr. Dibley's mother.

The Woman's Literary club convened with Mrs. H. F. Vose, at their last meeting. Ice cream was dispensed.

A course of assemblies are in order in connection with the dancing school, under the instruction of Prof. Hall.

The next lyceum in the course occurs Friday evening, at which time the question of emigration is expected to be settled.

S. N. Buck of Bethel, was in town last week on the occasion of the burial of his son, Mrs. Battles, whose remains arrived from Massachusetts on Feb. 2.

Tuesday was the day that W. E. Pike and John Moore changed places. Mr. Pike has been station agent here for 20 years. He now goes to Rumford Falls, though his family have resided in this village.

SOUTH WATERFORD.

The rain on the Sabbath has hindered the teaming, this week.

Pastor Wm. Bragg has been attending the M. E. Ministerial Association at Norway, this week.

Miranda Billings, who has been visiting in the vicinity of Norway, returned home, last week.

The Grangers are at work changing over their hall, making it more convenient for Grange work, and enlarging the banqueting room.

EAST BUCKFIELD.

Feb. 7th was a very rainy day.

Flora M. Record is stopping with Mary F. Robinson.

Mrs. Nancy Crooker is visiting at Mrs. Julia E. Fobes'.

Farmers are harvesting their ice. It is of very fine quality, this season.

Mrs. Miriam Philbrick, stopping with her niece, Mrs. Mary S. Davoe.

On account of bad weather, the Crystal Wave Lodge, I. O. G. T., anniversary was postponed to Feb. 5th.

Several people who have running water to their buildings, are all frozen up, and some have to carry water quite a distance.

Supreme Judicial Court.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1897.

Enoch Foster, Presiding Justice. Charles F. Whitman, Clerk.

John S. Harlow, County Attorney. George W. Abbott, Attorney.

Henry E. Hammond, Crier. Hea A. Burrows, Messenger.

Frank C. Davis, Laborer. Minna S. Powers, Stenographer.

Frank C. Davis, Thaddeus Cross, Edgar S. Flint, Deputy Sheriffs in attendance.

The grand jury is the same that served in October. The members are a good looking lot of men, and of course possess common sense for which Oxford Bears are noted. They are:

R. E. Martin, foreman, Rumford. Chas. G. Mason, clerk, Norway.

George W. Abbott, Andover. Charles W. Bennett, Sweden.

Edwin C. Chapman, Gilead. John C. Davis, Buckfield.

Henry C. Howard, Bethel. Ernest H. Ingalls, Denmark.

Geo. M. Briggs, Eastford. O. Forrest Lufkin, town.

Leslie E. Smith, Paris Hill. Horace S. Palmer, Paris Hill.

Geo. R. Paine, Oxford. E. B. W. Green, Hartford.

Jason W. Towle, West Fryeburg. Chas. W. Walker, Canton.

William Wentworth, Hiram. E. E. Whitney, Bethel.

There are two traverse juries. We learn these facts about the men who sit in judgment upon cases between party and party:

FIRST JURY.

D. R. Hastings, the foreman, is an extensive lumber operator in Gilead and neighboring territory. He is a native of this town.

William R. Lumber company's territory was named for him. He is 30 years old, has a wife and two children.

Fred L. Terry is a farmer at West Paris; 43 years old. Republican, Free Baptist.

Z. Churchill Holmes of Buckfield was born in Hartford 31 years ago. Farmer; democrat; Universalist.

Orson E. Andrews of Lowell has always lived in that town; 31 years old. Trader and teamster; republican.

Charles E. Gammon is 44 years old, and has always lived in Bethel. Is a farmer and has a wife and two children.

Llewellyn P. Bryant was born among the hills of Greenwood 32 years ago, and still lives there. Farmer; republican; Methodist.

Thaddeus R. Chase is a farmer at North Woodstock. Spent many years in a grist mill. 36 years old; democrat; Universalist.

William P. Hayford is a farmer at Hartford Centre. Has been collector. Family consists of wife and three children. Republican, Universalist.

Fred L. Berry has always resided at West Paris; 40 years old and a machiner. Is one of the progressive farmers of town. Republican; Free Baptist.

Edwin P. Bartlett is a farmer in the south-eastern part of Bethel. His profession adds to his title of farmer, republican, and dealer.

John A. Cole was born in Hartford 62 years ago, and follows the trade of carpenter, in Canton. Has a wife and four sons and several small children. Is superintendent of the Baptist Church. A. M.

Joseph F. Hall of Rumford Falls was an immigrant to the new city of Northern Oxford. He is engaged in his usual trade and dealing in horse furnishings. Mr. Hall was born in Maine, and has a wife and two children.

John J. Holman of Dixfield Centre has had a checked career. He was born in Dixfield, Feb. 28, 1861, educated at the village high school, and was graduated at Bryant & Stratton Commercial College. Has been a school teacher, store clerk, horse car conductor, and book agent. Is now a farmer.

SECOND JURY.

Edwin I. Spofford, foreman, is 62 years old. Was born and reared in Milton plantation. Attended Harvard University. Is a member of the iron working department of the Paris Manufacturing company at South Paris. A leading worker in the Baptist church, and a good republican.

Wilder V. Kimball is a farmer at Rumford Centre.

W. H. Kilgore is postmaster at North Waterford, and also runs a general store.

Charles L. Swan was born in Bethel, where he has lived all his life. He is a farmer and dealer in horses. Before stricken, he was industrious and took good care of his family.

The ladies' circle was held on Tuesday afternoon and evening. The gentlemen arranged the room, served supper and refreshments. Great credit is due the men for the able and pleasant manner in which everything was conducted. The circle was pronounced a success by all.

Fryeburg Center.

Assembly at Wiswell's Hall, Friday night, Feb. 10th.

The Grange will give a Valentine party at the hall, Feb. 15th.

A heavy downpour of rain at this time was very unexpected.

The Fryeburg Lodge, I. O. O. F., is in a prosperous condition, having taken in six candidates last year and two this year.

Moses Chandler is confined to the hospital, and is expected to die.

School on the North side of the river was opened at 10 o'clock, Monday morning, with an attendance of sixty scholars. Silas McDaniel, the principal, is ably assisted by Orman L. Stanley.

The first lyceum of the session will be held, next Monday evening.

Last Saturday evening, Pine Tree State Lodge of I. O. G. T., installed the following officers for the ensuing quarter:

P. C. T. Will Chellis, Sec. Roy Lord, Treas. L. C. Stanley, R. S. Stacey, J. W. Stanley, F. S. Finney, J. W. Stanley, Treas. Lizzie M. Riddle, Chas. H. Evans, Evangeline Garner, M. L. Myrtle Stanley, G. W. Stanley, J. W. Stanley, Sec. William T. Norton.

BETHES.

In Casco, Feb. 1, to the wife of S. F. Jordan, a daughter.

In Mexico, Feb. 3, to the wife of Ernest Alford, a son.

In Bethel, Jan. 19, to the wife of Eugene Heath, a daughter.

In Dixfield, Jan. 31, to the wife of Thomas A. Walker, a daughter.

In South Rumford, Jan. 21, to the wife of Geo. W. Wainman, a son.

In Newry, to the wife of Edgar Colegate, a son.

In Andover, to the wife of George Easter, a daughter.

In Locke's Mills, Feb. 1, to the wife of D. D. Cross, a daughter.

In South Paris, Feb. 8, to the wife of George H. McKee, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

In West Paris, Jan. 21, by Rev. A. K. Bryant, Roscoe Coburn and Maud Emerson, both of Greenwood.

In Harrison, Jan. 18, by Rev. W. P. Curtis, Ed. Spaulding and Grace M. Woodsum, both of Harrison.

In Norway, Feb. 5, Mrs. Mabel F., wife of Dr. B. F. Bradbury, aged 57 years, 6 months and 26 days.

In Oxford, Feb. 6, Lemuel R. Crooker, aged 93 years.

In Harrison, Jan. 25, Margaret, wife of Asa Barker, aged 79 years.

In South Paris, Feb. 3, Matilda Ann, wife of V. B. Ford, aged 63 years.

In Boston, Feb. 1, Sarah Johnston, widow of Fredrick, widow of the late Dr. Israel B. Bradbury, aged 80 years.

In Bethel, Jan. 30, Katie, daughter of George and Florence Clough King, aged 5 years.

In Bethel, Feb. 7, Mrs. C. R. Locke, widow of the late Russell Locke, aged 87 years.

In Oxford, Feb. 5, Sybil, wife of Tarball Moors, aged 85 years.

In South Harrison, Jan. 30, Mrs. Asa Barker, aged 75 years.

Divine guidance was asked by Rev. I. A. Bean, pastor of South Paris Methodist church.

Court was then opened with the customary prayer by the cleric.

The forenoon was spent in calling the docket. About 15 cases were assigned for trial.

The civil cases assigned for trial extend to next Tuesday. Among them are an action growing out of a farm trade, a suit for alienation of a wife's affections, an action from securities not perfect, a suit against a former employer, etc.

Mr. Chapman, of the grand jury, does not serve on account of sickness.

In the afternoon routine business came before His Honor.

The case of Carpenter and Bradbury, Lewiston parties accused of selling liquor at the last county fair, was re-opened, and a trial ordered.

The case, Ansel Dudley vs. Poland Paper Co., was removed to the United States District Court. A majority of the members of the defendant corporation reside outside of Maine. A bond of \$500 was filed with the court, for costs if the case should be returned to this court. The men who signed that bond are reputed to be worth several millions.

A divorce was granted George R. Howe of Norway, from Emma J. Howe of Hartford, Conn. Cause, desertion. Stearns plaintiff; Hastings appeared in behalf of the wife, asking that custody of the six-year-old child be given her, which was granted.

Winifred I. Corbett (nee Murch) of Norway was divorced from John F. M. Corbett for cruel and abusive treatment, and non support. Wright for libellant.

Wednesday.

The traverse juries had been released Wednesday forenoon till Thursday morning of this week. The grand jury is at work but of course the public doesn't know what or how much they are doing. A long line of witnesses have waited idly in the corridors, but what will come of it is uncertain.

William (Offen of Paris was granted a divorce from Lena (Downs) Coffeen of Rumford Falls. Cause, adultery. The respondent is now awaiting his trial on that charge. Of the five minor children, Mr. Coffeen claims one as his own, and he was given custody of that one.

Harriett H. Rawson was divorced from Samuel Rawson for cruel and abusive treatment and non support. The custody of their little boy was given to his grandfather, Job H. Rawson.

Not on the Docket.

Will Twombly has been released from jail.

Four of the prisoners in jail await action of the grand jury.

Judge Foster says that Adna Barrows is the best court messenger he knows in Maine. Mr. Barrows is always around when you want him and alert in his duties.

While the daily papers brought the news that the United States court at Boston had refused a new trial in the Bram case, it was the signal for considerable talk among the lawyers. We did not hear a single dissenting voice.

Wednesday morning the lawyers talked over the situation about a vacancy on the supreme bench. Judge Wilson thought that if Judge Walton didn't care for a re-appointment, Mr. Savage was the man.

Others concurred in that view and Judge Wilson drew up a petition to that effect. All the attorneys then at court signed it.

His Honor and Deputy Sheriff Cross caused a slight ripple of laughter. Wednesday morning the coming of Judge Wilson to the court was a minute later in leaving the court-house. The judge broke into a run and Cross followed his example. It was a lively race, for a moment, but they got there. The wind was against them and footing bad, but the exercise did not seem to wind Judge Foster in the least. The deputy sheriff proved not quite so good a sprinter.

HEBRON.

Among our smartest men are Mer